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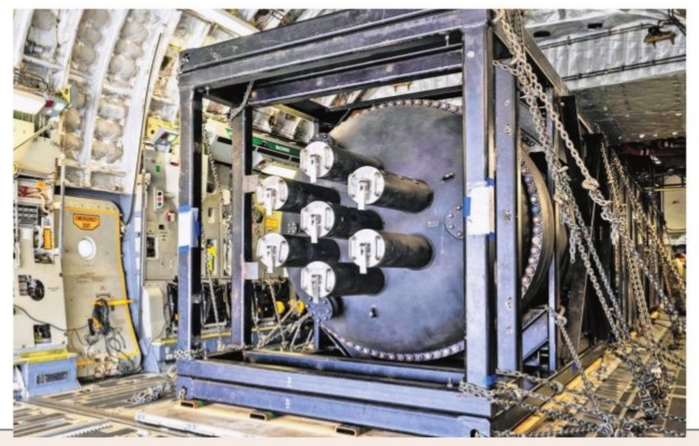

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IN A FIRST, U.S. TRANSPORTS SMALL NUCLEAR REACTOR ON A PLANE

A microreactor was flown on a cargo plane from California to Utah showing nuclear power can be deployed quickly for military and civilian use

CAN HELP U.S. MILITARY IN FAR-FLUNG LOCATIONS

The US departments of energy and defence partnered with private firm Valar Atomics to fly one of the company's microreactors on a C-17 aircraft. "This gets us closer to deploying nuclear power when and where needed to give our warfighters the tools to win," a US official said. Critics have highlighted the challenge of handling the radioactive waste generated

PUSH BY TRUMP TO PROMOTE MICROREACTORS

- The microreactor used in Sunday's Operation Windlord can generate up to 5 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 5,000 homes
- The experiment comes amid plans by Trump administration to promote the manufacturing of small reactors to meet the growing power demand sparked by artificial intelligence and data centres

19%

OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED IN THE U.S. IN 2024 CAME FROM NUCLEAR POWER

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Shaping solutions for the world

Modi opens India AI Impact Summit; Vaishnaw seeks global consensus on copyrights issue

Being here among innovators, researchers and tech enthusiasts gives a glimpse of the extraordinary potential of AI, Indian talent and innovation

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Global platforms like yours (Motion Picture Association) and Netflix should be aware of the cultural context of the country in which they are operating

Ashwini Vaishnaw, minister

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Sarvam AI stall at the India AI Impact Expo in New Delhi, as Sarvam's co-founder Pratyush Kumar looks on | PTI

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated the India AI Impact Summit, the largest congregation of AI experts, bringing together heads of state and government, ministers, global technology leaders, researchers, multilateral institutions, and industry stakeholders in Delhi. The five-day summit from February 16 to 20, will deliberate on the role of AI in advancing inclusive growth, strengthening public systems, and enabling sustainable development.

"Inaugurated the India AI Impact Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam. Being here among innovators, researchers and tech enthusiasts gives a glimpse of the extraordinary potential of AI, Indian talent and innovation. Together, we will shape solutions not just for India but for the world," said Modi.

In a separate social media post, Modi said the event, which will be attended by OpenAI founder Sam Altman, Google CEO Sundar Pichai, and others, is themed "Sarvajana Hitaya" (happiness for all), reflecting a shared commitment to harnessing Artificial Intelligence for human-centric progress.

He welcomed the dignitaries — over 100 government representatives, including more than 20 heads of state and government and 60 ministers and vice ministers — along with more than 500 global AI leaders comprising CEOs, founders, academicians, researchers, CTOs, and representatives of philanthropic organisations.

Minister of Electronics and IT (MeitY) Ashwini Vaishnaw said India is engaging with industry stakeholders to identify appropriate technical and legal frameworks to ensure that AI does not infringe upon the copyrights of content creators.

During a conversation with US media mogul Charles Rivkin, the minister said India is also seeking global consensus on the copyright issue.

V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor, said AI adoption cannot happen by drift.It requires commitment to aligning tech progress with mass employability.

Long queues, packed sessions on Day One

The opening day witnessed long queues and packed sessions across the venue. Heavy traffic congestion and confusion at the entry gates left many participants, dignitaries, exhibitors, and speakers stranded outside for extended periods. Several attendees took to social media to express their frustration. While some complained about long waiting times, others flagged the lack of UPI payment facilities at food counters, poor mobile connectivity, and inadequate signage and instructions. VIP security arrangements further compounded the inconvenience, with several areas of the venue cordoned off from 2 pm. The rush was especially visible at the food courts spread across the venue, all of which remained heavily crowded throughout the day

SABARIMALA CASE

9-judge SC bench to hear pleas on religious bias

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday said a nine-judge bench will from April 7 begin the final hearing on petitions relating to discrimination against women at religious places, including Sabarimala Temple, and on the ambit of religious freedom.

A three-judge bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi, said, "The nine judge bench shall begin hearing the review case on April 7, 2026 at 10.30 am."

In September 2018, a five-judge Constitution bench, by a 4:1 majority verdict, had lifted the ban that prevented females between 10 and 50 from entering the Ayyappa shrine at Sabarimala in Kerala and held that the Hindu religious practice was "illegal and unconstitutional."

On November 14, 2019, another five-judge bench headed by then Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, by a majority of 3:2, referred the issue of discrimination against women at various places of worship to a larger bench. However, the order was silent on any stay of the September 28, 2018 judgment which allowed entry of women of all age groups to the hilltop shrine in Kerala.

Besides the Sabarimala case, the verdict also referred to issues of entry of Muslim women into mosques and of Parsi women into the holy fire place of an Agiary, to the larger bench.

More than 50 review petitions had been filed urging the Supreme Court not to interfere with religious practices.

The bench said it will look at seven related questions during the hearings, such the scope of the right to freedom of religion, the interplay between rights of persons under Article 25 and rights of religious denominations under Article 26, the scope and extent of the word "morality" under Articles 25 and 26, and whether it includes constitutional morality and scope and extent of judicial review with regard to a religious practice under Article 25. P7

Nodal counsel for both parties

The bench-appointed lawyer Krishna Kumar Singh as nodal counsel for parties supporting the review. It also appointed Shashwati Pari as nodal counsel for those opposing the review

HC sets aside Subbareddy's election as Bagepalli MLA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Monday set aside the election of Congress MLA **SN Subbareddy** from the Bagepalli Assembly constituency in Chikkaballapur district in 2023.

Partly allowing the election petition filed by C Muniraju, a defeated candidate from BJP, who had questioned the legality of Subbareddy's election, Justice MGS Kamal delivered the verdict. But Justice Kamal stayed the verdict on the request of Subbareddy's counsel to enable them to file an appeal. The copy of the judgment is yet to be available.

Muniraju filed the petition in 2023, seeking to quash Subbareddy's election on the grounds of non-disclosure and false declaration in the election affidavit.

Subbareddy secured 82,128 votes, while Muniraju, who stood second, got 62,949 votes. Muniraju alleged in hit petition that Subbareddy indulged in corrupt practices that fall under Section 123(1) and (2) of the Representation of People's Act.

Subba Reddy has won the Assembly elections thrice in a row from Bagepalli. His first victory was as an independent, while the two previous wins came as a Congress member. He was aiming for a ministerial berth in case of a reshuffle. Both Muniraju and Subbareddy were not available for comments.

Controversial ₹80,000 crore Great Nicobar Project gets NGT green light

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AFTER a prolonged wait, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Monday cleared the controversial Great Nicobar Project worth ₹80,000 crore, after disposing of the challenges against it.

A six-member special bench of NGT found no substantial grounds to interfere with the mega infrastructure project, observing that adequate safeguards had been incorporated into its environmental clearance.

Conservationists had opposed it, saying it will cause massive ecological damage and threaten tribal communities. The Congress called the NGT clearance "deeply disappointing". Party leader Sonia Gandhi had warned last year that it poses an existential danger to the island's indigenous communities and is being insensitively pushed through by the government.

During the hearing, the special bench recorded that all emerging concerns had been examined and addressed by a high-powered committee tasked with revisiting the project's environmental clearance granted in 2022. "Considering the strategic importance of the project and taking into account the other relevant considerations, we don't find any good ground to interfere," NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said.

The project is expected to boost India's presence in the Indian Ocean Region amid increasing pressures from foreign powers. The project spans 166 sq km and requires the diversion of 130 sq km of forest land. A transshipment port, along with several associated projects such as a dual-use civil and military airport will be built in the Great Nicobar Island.

TAMING THE OZ

Sri Lanka's Pathum Nissanka celebrates his century during the T20 World Cup cricket match between Sri Lanka and Australia in Pallekele, Sri Lanka, on Monday. Lankans beat the Aussies by 8 wickets to reach Super Eights | PTI | P17

HAMPI HORROR

3 get death penalty for raping 2 tourists, killing 1

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Koppal

Sharanabasavaraj, Charan Sai and Malla

THE First Additional District and Sessions court here on Monday awarded death penalty to three men for raping two women and murdering an Indian tourist near Sanapur in March last year.

The court found the trio guilty on February 6 and pronounced the quantum of punishment on Monday. Justice Sadanand Nagappa Naik ordered capital punishment to Malla alias Handi Malla, Charan Sai and Sharanabasavaraj.

The incident occurred near the Tungabhadra Left Bank Canal in Sanapur. Five tourists staying at a homestay in Anegundi had gone for a walk after finishing their dinner on March 6, 2025. They went to the left bank canal of Tungabhadra near Sanapur lake and were sitting listening to music when the three assailants came to the spot and created a ruckus with the intention of robbing the tourists.

When the male tourists resisted, the assailants, who were drunk, pushed them into the canal, and raped the two women, an Israeli and an Indian. Two of the three who fell into the waters managed to reach the shore, while the tourist from Odisha drowned after suffering a severe head injury. His body was recovered 24 hours later.

The murdered tourist was identified as Bibhasha from Odisha. Daniel, a German national, and Pankaj from Maharashtra were injured.

FINISHING TOUCHES

Indian team to visit US to fix legal text of trade deal

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

CHIEF negotiator Darpan Jain will lead a delegation to Washington next week to finalise the legal text of the proposed India–US trade agreement, the Commerce Ministry said on Monday.

Following the joint statement agreed earlier this month, the framework deal is now being converted into a formal legal agreement, said Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal.

"The effort is to see that we can finalise and sign the legal agreement in March 2026," he told reporters when asked about the timeline.

On the proposed reduction in the reciprocal tariff from 25% to 18%, Agrawal said the US is processing the matter and that India expects it to be completed soon. "Our expectation is that it should be done this week. If not, the team will be there next week and we can pursue the matter and understand why it is taking time," he said.

The US has already removed the 25% additional tariff imposed after India agreed not to buy crude from Russia. However, the 25% reciprocal tariff has not yet been reduced to 18%, as agreed by both sides. Overall, the US imposed an additional 50% tariff on Indian goods -- 25% as a reciprocal tariff and another 25% linked to India's oil purchase from Russia. Agrawal said most favoured nation (MFN) tariffs remain unchanged,meaning the effective tariff on Indian goods will be 18% plus MFN rates.

EXPRESS READ

Karnataka notifies 1% social security fee on gig platforms

Bengaluru: The state government has issued a notification mandating collection of a 1% Gig Workers Welfare Fee on payouts made by aggregators under the Karnataka Platform Based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2025. Capped by vehicle and service category, platforms must remit quarterly payments, funding social security schemes for gig and platform workers statewide | P4

Rlys, KIADB plan to acquire land will hit our livelihood: Farmers

Farmers at Bettahalasur in Bengaluru face a bleak future | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

HUNDREDS of farmers in and around Thimmasandra, Bettahalsoor and surroundings in Yelahanka taluk of Bengaluru North are worried as the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) is planning to acquire 170 acres and the Railway Department has published a notification for around 70 acres for 'development'. The farmers said this would put their livelihoods in danger.

B Nanjundappa, an aged farmer representing the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, is spearheading the agitation against both state and central governments. He said 6.16 km of the railway line from Rajanukunte to Bettahalasur will run in the middle of 70 acres of fertile and lush green agricultural land. If the governments want to take up development work, they should look at barren land, he argued.

"We don't want any compensation. All we want is to continue to cultivate land and feed people and ourselves. By taking our land, the government wants farmers to become beggars," said a teary-eyed Nanjundappa, gazing at the rose garden and coconut palms on his 2.5-acre land.

Farmers here grow grape (Bengaluru blue), pomegranate, guava, butter fruit, chikoo and papaya; and vegetables like brinjal, potatoes, tomatoes, beans, ridge gourd, bottle gourd, pumpkin, cauliflower, cabbage, carrot and lady's finger. Marigolds and roses are common at Bettahalasur and Thimmasandra.

"Twenty per cent of the crop is kept for families involved in agriculture in the surroundings, and the rest is supplied to the City Market and Yeshwanthpur Market," said Sanath Kumar, a farmer with 2 acres of land. P7

ALMANAC TODAY

• **Tuesday:** 17.02.2026 • **Year:** Vishwavasu • **Ayana:** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Sishir • **Masa:** Magha • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Amavasya 5.28 pm • **Nakshatra:** Dhanishta 9.31 pm • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am • **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER

MIN 15°C | MAX 30°C

FORECAST Partly cloudy

Sunrise 06.41 am · Sunset 06.26 pm · Moonrise 06.29 am · Moonset 06.24 pm

Ulsoor Lake has gone dry after it was drained for desilting under a Rs 4-crore NDMF grant | VINOD KUMAR T

ULSOOR LAKE DESILTING TAKEN UP AFTER 20 YRS

GBA hopes to fill the water body with rainwater after summer

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE historic Ulsoor lake, measuring 108 acres, is almost dry as the lake engineers attached to Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) have begun development of the main water body as well as the sedimentation tank and Kalyani.

As per officials, the lake desilting is being taken up under a Rs 4 crore National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) grant, and the work of desilting is being done after nearly two decades. The work began by diverting the water through the outlet.

The lake is still receiving 1.5 MLD of treated water from Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), and officials concerned have been asked to study the situation and explore the option to divert the treated water into the major drain until the desilting is completed.

"The desilting work will begin in the next two weeks in full swing, and the tank will become empty. The fishing contractors were asked to clear the remaining stock from the water body, and accordingly, they have caught the fish and cleared, and release the fishlings once the restoration is completed," said Shilpa, Assistant Executive Engineer, Lakes, BCCC.

She added that the fish contractor's period will be extended as the development work will be taken into consideration.

The dry lake bed as seen from the MEG side | MOHAMMED YACOOB

MLA keeps a keen eye

MLA Rizwan Arsahd, who is monitoring the project, said, "The project needed meticulous planning and design for making a tourism destination. The lake is being developed with a fund of Rs 100 crore and Rs 30 crore is coming from Minor Irrigation. The lake will also have a library, an open gym, a children's play area and seating for the public. The Kalyani will also be developed, and religious activities will be facilitated. Overall development of Ulsoor Lake will be completed in a year's time," he said.

The 120 members from the fishermen community under the banner name 'Bengaluru Meenu Utpanna Mattu Maratagara Sangha' have been involved in fishing and maintenance of the lake for the last 14 years. They say the BCCC officials had set January 31 as a deadline to clear the stock, and accordingly, the activity was stopped.

"The water levels have been reduced to 3 feet, and fishing with a net is not possible. Last time complete desilting was done in 2001-2002, and since then, no complete desilting has been done," said Subbaiah, Secretary of the Sangha.

He added that after partial cleaning in 2020, the contract was also renewed. The association paid Rs 50,000 for the lease period and released fishlings worth lakhs, but within a few days, the fishlings and small fish died. The treatment was done, and the issue was addressed. "Now once the desilting is completed, which may take three months to four months, and water is filled again, the fishing will be taken up," he said.

Meanwhile, regular walkers and activists have also expressed joy over the development and say that the pathway has been developed from the RBANMS College side up to the Fire and Emergency Service Head Office side.

"Since the work is happening on the site, walking on one stretch for the public has been stopped by the authorities, and once completed, walkers can have access to Annaswamy Mudaliar Road side of the park."

HC directs GBA to inspect PGs for violations

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THE Karnataka High Court directed the jurisdictional Medical Officer of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), along with the Additional Director of Town Planning (ADTP), to inspect each of the properties of the members of the Paying Guest Accommodation Welfare Association and other petitioners in the city to ascertain whether they have complied with terms and conditions which are part of the guidelines issued to grant trade licence to all paying guests, as prescribed in the order dated August 7, 2024, issued by the Chief Commissioner.

"They would have to examine whether the construction which has been put up by the respective petitioners and members of petitioner No.1 is in accordance with the plan sanction granted. If no plan sanction has been granted, if it is in accordance with the applicable building bylaws (in all regards), the user of the premises is so permitted under the relevant Zonal Regulations", said the court, adding that the inspection has to be carried out commencing from 10.30 am on February 18, 2026, and endeavored to be completed within two weeks thereafter.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order after the petitioners' counsel submitted that they have already complied with the requirements prescribed in the order, and even though the notices in question have been issued to them on various dates in March, July and October 2025 by the BBMP authorities.

The court was hearing the petition filed by the Paying Guest Accommodation Welfare Association in 2025, questioning the legality of the notices issued to them.

The court stated that the petitioners could participate in the inspection if they chose to do so or depute their representatives to do so. In the event of the petitioners not participating in the inspection and/or not cooperating with the inspection, they would not be entitled to any equitable consideration, the court added, adjourning the further hearing to March 16.

The then BBMP had issued guidelines to all PGs while issuing trade licences to them as per Section 305 of the BBMP Act, 2020, which specifies 10 terms and conditions including installation of CCTV surveillance, cleanliness and hygiene, potable drinking water, FSSAI license, availability of at least one security guard, fire safety clearance, display of helpline number of BBMP and police, availability of first aid kit and solid waste segregation in PGs.

In the order, the then BBMP instructed all the Health Officers and others to monitor compliance of these conditions once in six months.

THRONG OF THE FAITHFUL

People take part in Kaadu Malleshwara Rathotsava a day after Maha Shivaratri in Malleswaram on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Quality food at Indira canteens soon: Rao

Bengaluru: Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Monday said that GBA is making efforts to improve and serve quality food at Indira canteens in its limits. He said GBA is also focusing on expanding the reach of Indira canteens in its limits. Claiming that quality food is being served at the canteens, he, however, said there is scope for its improvement. On a proposal to introduce new food items, he said it would be part of the GBA's efforts to streamline the canteen system. **ENS**

Karnataka, UK deepen strategic collaboration on AI, online safety

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THE state government and the United Kingdom have agreed to deepen collaboration in Artificial Intelligence (AI), online safety and digital innovation following talks between IT BT Minister Priyank Kharge and Kanishka Narayan, UK Minister for AI and Digital Government here on Monday.

The two held wide-ranging discussions on responsible AI, data governance, digital public infrastructure, skilling and startup ecosystems, amid growing technology cooperation between India and the UK.

Kanishka outlined the UK's focus on accelerating AI adoption while strengthening online safety frameworks, especially for children, and building sovereign capabilities in compute infrastructure and chip design.

Kharge highlighted Karnataka's position as a global technology hub and its push towards deep-tech, applied research and innovation-led growth. He showcased the state's startup-friendly procurement model, where the government acts as an early adopter through structured grants and pilot programmes.

A key outcome of the meeting was a proposal to establish a formal Karnataka–UK Innovation Bridge to institutionalise cross-border collaboration. The initiative would include joint incubation spaces, annual startup exchange programmes, collaboration between Centres of Excellence in priority AI sectors, and accelerated market access support.

Kharge said Karnataka would leverage its Global Innovation Alliance to anchor the partnership, while both sides underscored the importance of ethical AI deployment, data sovereignty and strategic independence in emerging technologies. Further discussions are expected at the upcoming AI summit in New Delhi.

City boy is state topper in JEE Main Phase 1 exam

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A Vishnu Sai Theja, a student of Narayana CO School, Kaveri Bhavan, in Bengaluru, has emerged as the state topper in JEE Phase 1 exams with an overall NTA percentile of 99.9992454. On Monday, National Testing Agency (NTA) announced JEE Main 2026-Phase 1 results.

Vishnu scored 100 in Physics, 99.99 in Chemistry and 99.97 in Mathematics.

Speaking to TNIE, Vishnu said, "I always aspired to study in IIT or IISc and my interest is in pursuing computer science and artificial intelligence. I am preparing for JEE Phase 2 exams now. Around 2,50,000 students are selected from the best score from Phase 1 and Phase 2. I studied every day for almost four hours after coming from school. The teachers at Narayana CO School mentored me to face the exams and a lot of mock tests were given to prepare students for the exams."

Speaking on the occasion, a Narayana Group spokesperson said, "Vishnu Sai Theja's performance exemplifies what disciplined preparation, expert mentoring, and a strong academic ecosystem can achieve. Our consistent track record of producing Karnataka toppers year after year is a testament to our focus on academic success."

Students aspiring to study in IITs across India, are now gearing up for JEE Main session 2 and JEE Advanced. Around 13,55,293 students registered for phase 1 exams and 13,04,653 students appeared for the exams.

EXPRESS READ

PES University hosts AI symposium

Bengaluru: PES University recently hosted 'Symposium 2.0 – AI for Manufacturing Industry', bringing together industry leaders, academicians and students to discuss the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence on modern manufacturing. The event was organised by the Centre for Cognitive Computing and Computational Intelligence (C3I) in association with the Departments of CSE and CSE (AI & ML). The inaugural session was preceded by an address from Vice-Chancellor Dr Suryaprasad J. Various keynote discussions followed. "The future of manufacturing will not be defined by machines alone, it will be defined by intelligent systems guided by human wisdom," said Dr Arti Arya, chairperson of the Department of CSE (AI & ML). **ENS**

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

17th February : Wild Horses We close Aquarius season on this event-filled day featuring a solar eclipse, a new moon, Lunar New Year, Fat Tuesday and the start of Ramadan. If you needed another shot at starting fresh, this precipice of the new era is all yours. Celebrate and meditate. Wave goodbye with one hand and hello with the other. The Fire Horse rides.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Noticing the gap between who you are and who you want to be? That's a win. Accepting it without shame is the kind of mindset that makes real progress possible. It takes humility to grow, and humility like that will get you far.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
With billions of people on the planet, it's only natural that some paths will cross in messy ways. Conflicts happen. Challenges are unavoidable. And that's a good thing, especially today because they keep the adventure fun and the story interesting.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Things that are always around get ignored. Things you can never have feel frustrating. The things that keep you wanting more? They show up sometimes, not all the time. That's the sweet spot. The desire you chase or are chased by will illustrate the concept.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
After an extended cycle of accommodating others, your own needs are a whisper. At this juncture, it would be normal not to know what you want. It would also be normal to turn the trend around.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Endless choice can feel like no choice at all because too many options make it hard to know what you like. Everything starts to feel the same. You'll figure out what you like by choosing and sticking with something.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
The day's dance is a kick line -- a cumulative effect, beautiful in its conformity, requiring peripheral awareness. The line becomes one creature with many legs hitting the same rhythm and height. Dancers who can kick higher save it for another dance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
You feel compelled to make a move even though you can't imagine the outcome just yet. Inability to picture a future doesn't mean the move is wrong. Right now, your instincts are simply ahead of your perception and imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Can you be overeducated? Only if all that knowledge keeps you from doing anything. Not everything you learn is immediately useful. By taking action, you'll learn which part of your education applies, and from there, experience will be your new professor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Take your time with today's decisions, especially financial ones. Note that expensive things aren't automatically better things, and sometimes they are worse, offered by the greedy to the ignorant, which is why you'll do the research.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Difficulty isn't just the price of admission. It's the weight that makes the muscle. Hard things aren't the dues you pay to be awesome; they are why you're awesome. The work required to earn them is what makes them transformative rather than hollow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Oddly enough, putting too much thought into a thing can make it less effective. The slapdash version will contain the most honest information, whether you're on the giving or receiving end of it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Feeling stuck? There are options you're not using -- things you could say, decisions you could make, buttons to push, experiments just waiting for the scientist in you to try. Play a few of those hands and then see how you feel. You're more powerful than you know.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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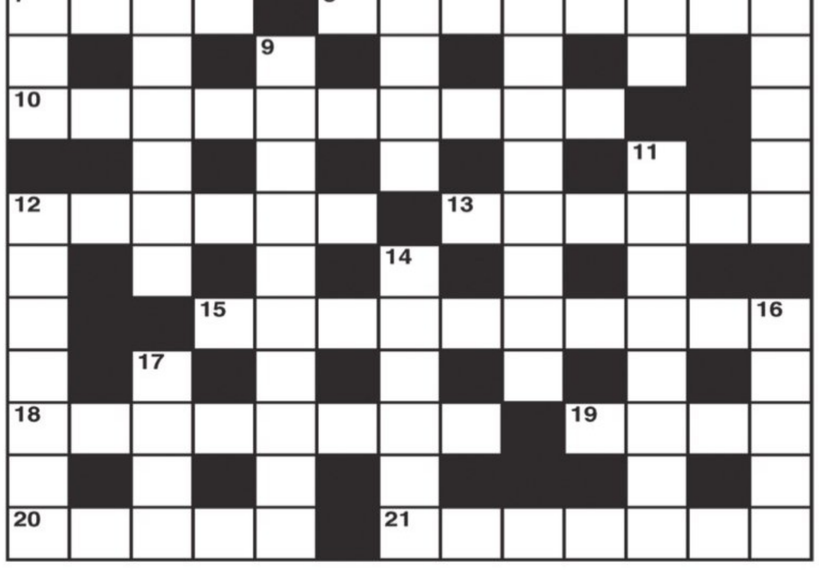

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Protests expressed in articles (7)
4 Skeleton gets very small part in film (5)
7 Permission denied apparently for a recess (4)
8 Return to digs for economy's sake (8)
10 Possibly desecrated something very private (4,6)
12 A trading record? (6)
13 Fighting a lawsuit (6)
15 Uncast replacements? (5,5)
18 Jolly occasion long overdue (4,4)
19 Wharf ripe for demolition (4)
20 Unusually dry round central Greece - get piping (5)
21 Maybe tarry round church to see the decoration (7)

DOWN

1 Admitted having had possession (5)
2 In France I work on broken dray; a hazard (8)
3 Draw south by boat (6)
4 Flight taken when things get too hot for comfort (4,6)
5 Marian Newman's middle name (4)
6 Troops stepped out in this formation (7)
9 Medical service for which the pay's too uncertain (10)
11 I'm coming up in gear that may be highly painful (8)
12 Hide article in play (7)
14 Ready to throw a line to one in trouble (6)
16 Sprinkle water on some flowers (5)
17 Fever but initially less than a pestilence (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Winter sport, 9 Pretext, 10 Rupee, 11 Last, 12 Propound, 14 Claque, 16 Arrest, 18 Tripling, 19 Mere, 22 Orbit, 23 Eritrea, 24 Temperature.

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BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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A Thousand Days Many Ways

Siddaramaiah's government marks 1000 days of people-centric governance.

GUARANTEES, GROWTH AND GOVERNANCE: DINESH GUNDU RAO REFLECTS ON 1,000 DAYS

"Inclusive growth, transparent governance, and dignity for every citizen will remain our guiding principles."

1000 DAYS KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Government claims first 1,000 days as productive and outcome-driven across multiple sectors.
- Govt asserts strong performance in health, education, labour, agriculture, and revenue administration.
- The state currently ranks first in per capita GDP, second in overall tax generation, and second in GST contribution.
- Karnataka is also among the top Indian states in attracting foreign direct investment.
- Swift rollout of guarantee schemes was the government's proudest achievement.
- All five guarantees - Griha Lakshmi, Shakti, Griha Jyothi, Anna Bhagya, and Yuva Nidhi - were implemented within six months.
- Govt says citizens can see tangible improvements in healthcare infrastructure and staffing across the state.
- Education has improved through new schools, upgraded facilities, and better public institutions.
- Initiatives such as Hakku Patras, legal reforms, and administrative transparency have empowered citizens.
- Govt rejects allegations of populism, citing systemic reforms across multiple departments.
- Govt says welfare schemes have significantly reduced poverty and improved purchasing power.
- Increased consumption has strengthened tax collections and economic activity.
- Karnataka's high per capita GDP attributed to inclusive, policy-driven economic growth.
- Govt dismisses concerns over individual companies relocating, stressing Bengaluru's continued dominance in R&D and innovation.
- Congressmen say no rift between Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar, asserting government stability and unity.

In an exclusive interview with The New Indian Express, Minister Rao offers a panoramic assessment of the Siddaramaiah-led government, addressing achievements, criticism, fiscal responsibility, political stability, and citizen impact.

As the government completes 1,000 days, how do you look back at this journey? Can you give us a panoramic view?

■ These 1,000 days have been extremely productive. The government has delivered remarkable outcomes across health, education, labour, agriculture, revenue, and several other sectors. Alongside welfare and guarantee schemes, we have ensured strong economic growth. Today, Karnataka stands number one in per capita GDP, second in overall tax generation, second in GST contributions, and among the top states for FDI inflows. Of course, challenges remain, but overall, it has been a very satisfying and successful phase of governance.

What has been your proudest moment during these 1,000 days?

■ Without doubt, the swift and effective implementation of the guarantee schemes. Many believed it was impossible to roll them out quickly, but within six months of forming the government, we delivered every promise we made. Schemes like Griha Lakshmi, Shakti, Griha Jyothi, Anna Bhagya, and Yuva Nidhi reached the people as assured. Seeing the tangible impact on families across Karnataka has been our proudest achievement.

What changes can citizens feel on the ground today?

■ Citizens can see real improvements in healthcare delivery - better hospitals, increased deployment of doctors, strengthened public health centres - and in education through new schools and upgraded facilities. We have also empowered people through Hakku Patras, legal reforms, and administrative transparency. While reforms naturally bring technical challenges, the larger shift has been towards an administration that is transparent, accountable, and citizen-centric.

Critics argue that the government's work is driven by populism. How do you respond?

■ This criticism ignores facts. In health alone, we have launched impactful schemes like Puneeth Rajkumar, Hriday Jyoti and Griha Arogya, significantly reduced maternal mortality, and built new hospitals and PHCs. Across departments - labour, education, revenue, RDPR, excise - we have introduced reforms focused on transparency and social justice, including long-pending issues like sub-classification of reservation. In a democracy, criticism is inevitable, but when compared to the previous BJP government, the contrast in new schemes, reforms, and administrative depth is clear.

Have the guarantee schemes strained the state's finances?

■ Every government expenditure - whether on irrigation, infrastructure, or welfare - costs money. But our guarantees are investments in social stability. They have ensured that absolute poverty is virtually eliminated in Karnataka. By putting money into people's hands, we have increased purchasing power, boosted savings, and stimulated economic activity. This, in turn, has improved tax collections and strengthened the state's economy.

Why is Karnataka among the top states in per capita GDP today?

■ Because our growth is inclusive. Economic activity has increased across sectors, driven by welfare-backed consumption, investment-friendly governance, and a strong innovation ecosystem. Growth here is not accidental - it is policy-driven.

There are claims that Karnataka lost companies like Google to other states. Should this be a concern?

■ One company moving is not an issue. Hyderabad, Chennai, and other cities are part of India's growth story, and we welcome that. What matters is that Bengaluru remains the fastest-growing city in the country for R&D centres, GCCs, and centres of excellence. Aerospace, technology, and innovation ecosystems here continue to expand. Twin cities and satellite townships are coming up because demand is strong. Karnataka's growth remains unstoppable.

> These 1,000 days have been extremely productive and deeply satisfying from a governance perspective

> We delivered every guarantee we promised within six months—something many believed was impossible

> Our welfare schemes are not expenses; they are investments in social stability and economic growth

Is there a feud between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar?

■ There is no groupism in the Congress. Both leaders have clearly stated that they will abide by the party high command's decision. Our MLAs and ministers are united, focused on governance, and not distracted by speculation. The government is stable and functioning effectively.

Looking back, what could have been done better, and what lies ahead?

■ Unnecessary discussions around leadership issues sometimes divert attention from governance - that is something we must collectively avoid. Beyond that, every department has worked diligently despite resource constraints. We have fought for Karnataka's rightful share - whether flood relief, tax devolution, or central grants - even taking the matter to the Supreme Court when required. One unfortunate incident at Chinnaswamy Stadium could have been avoided with better planning, but overall, governance has been strong and responsive. The next two-and-a-half years will see even more focused work.

Karnataka Expands Preventive and Accessible Healthcare Through Multi-Pronged Initiatives

Karnataka has significantly strengthened its public healthcare delivery by focusing on preventive care, early diagnosis, and equitable access across urban and rural areas. Under the Griha Arogya programme, ASHA workers and healthcare staff have reached out to more than one crore people, screening them for 14 non-communicable diseases, including hypertension, anaemia, diabetes, and oral, breast, and cervical cancers. Those requiring care are being provided free treatment and medicines, reinforcing the state's emphasis on early intervention.

Eye care has seen major expansion through 393 permanent vision centres across the state. Over six lakh people have received free spectacles, while more than four lakh cataract surgeries have been performed, restoring sight and improving quality of life for thousands.

Cardiac emergency care has been strengthened through the Dr Puneeth Rajkumar Hriday Jyothi Scheme, under which over 13,000 patients have received treatment. A life-saving injection costing ₹25,000 is now provided free of cost in government hospitals during the critical golden hour.

For patients suffering from kidney failure, 7,680 individuals are receiving dialysis using single-use dialysers at 215 centres, ensuring safer and more hygienic treatment. Mobile health units are also reaching remote villages, bringing essential medical services to underserved populations.

Public health safeguards have been reinforced with the ban on toxic food colours and cotton candy, while day-care chemotherapy services have been launched in 16 districts, reducing the burden of prolonged hospitalisation.

Women-centric initiatives include the distribution of 2.35 crore sanitary pads under the Shuchi scheme, and mental health support through Maatru Chaitanya for pregnant women and the Tele-MANAS helpline for stress management and suicide prevention.

In a landmark move, Karnataka has emerged as India's first state to solar-power 5,000 hospitals under the Souraswasthya initiative, underscoring its commitment to environmentally sustainable healthcare. The state has also intensified action against female foeticide, including strict enforcement and a ₹1 lakh reward for informers.

NO MONEY CRUNCH; PROMISES DELIVERED:

K H Muniyappa on Karnataka government completing 1,000 days

SCHEMES AT A GLANCE!

GRUHA LAKSHMI SCHEME: Provides monthly financial assistance of ₹2,000 to women who are heads of households, enhancing family-level economic stability.

SHAKTI SCHEME: Allows women to travel free of cost across the state in non-premium government-operated buses, improving mobility and access to work, education, and services.

GRUHA JYOTI SCHEME: Offers up to 200 units of free electricity to residential households, helping reduce the burden of power expenses.

ANNA BHAGYA SCHEME: Ensures the supply of 10 kg of rice per person to families living below the poverty line, strengthening food security.

YUVA NIDHI SCHEME: Provides unemployment assistance of ₹3,000 per month to graduates and ₹1,500 per month to diploma holders for a maximum period of two year

As the Siddaramaiah–led Congress government in Karnataka completes 1,000 days in office, K. H. Muniyappa, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, speaks exclusively to The New Indian Express on governance, welfare guarantees, food security, finances, and the road ahead.

How do you assess the performance of the Karnataka Congress government as it completes 1,000 days?

■ We have implemented every assurance given in our manifesto. There is no single guarantee that has remained on paper. Whether it is food security, social justice or economic support, the benefits have reached the people. Through initiatives like Hakku Patra alone, more than two lakh people have benefited.

You mentioned Hakku Patra. How important has this initiative been for citizens?

■ Hakku Patra is about dignity and rights. Many people were deprived of their entitlements for decades. Today, they legally own what is rightfully theirs. This is real empowerment, not symbolism.

How would you describe Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's leadership?

■ Siddaramaiah understands the pain and difficulties of common people because he comes from that background himself. He is a pro-people Chief Minister in the truest sense. Every decision he takes is rooted in social justice and public welfare.

The opposition claims that the government has no money because of the guarantee schemes. How do you respond?

■ This argument is completely false. Every year, the government is spending more than ₹50,000 crore on guarantees and welfare schemes. Without money, how could we do this? At the same time, development work is also going on across the state.

Can you elaborate on development spending alongside welfare?

■ The Chief Minister has allocated ₹8,000 crore for roads and drinking water projects. Funds have also been released to MLAs for constituency development. Welfare and development are moving together - there is no contradiction between the two.

What can people expect in the coming months?

■ We are introducing Indira Kits, as promised in the manifesto. Along with 10 kg of free rice, families will receive food kits containing toor dal, sugar, oil and salt. This ensures that people are not just fed, but fed well.

How do you place Karnataka's food security initiatives in a national context?

■ The National Food Security Act was brought by the UPA government when I was a minister under Manmohan Singh. Subsequent governments continued it because it was strong and necessary. Similarly, MGNREGA was introduced by us. The BJP should tell the country what new programmes they have given to the people.

Finally, what lies ahead for the government?

■ The party high command will take decisions at the appropriate time. The Chief Minister is preparing a very strong budget. All guarantee schemes will continue, and development programmes will accelerate. There is no financial crisis, and governance is firmly on track.

IN A NUTSHELL!

As the Siddaramaiah–led Congress government in Karnataka completes 1,000 days in office, its record reflects a consistent delivery of promises made to the people. According to K. H. Muniyappa, not a single guarantee announced in the manifesto has remained unfulfilled. From food security and social justice to economic support, welfare measures have moved decisively from policy to practice. Initiatives such as Hakku Patra have empowered over two lakh citizens by granting long-denied legal rights, restoring dignity and security to vulnerable families.

Under Siddaramaiah's leadership, welfare and development have progressed in parallel. The government continues to spend over `50,000 crore annually on guarantee schemes while simultaneously investing thousands of crores in roads, drinking water, and constituency development. With the rollout of Indira Kits and sustained free foodgrain distribution, the focus remains on comprehensive food security. The message from the government is clear: there is no financial crisis, only firm governance and an ongoing commitment to inclusive growth.

SIDDARAMAIAH THUNDERS!

- All abchievements were recorded despite injustice by the Centre.
- Karnataka has faced financial injustice from the Union government.
- Central policies have constrained the state's fiscal resources.
- Guarantee schemes have delivered direct benefits to the people.
- Benefits worth ₹1.18 lakh crore have been extended through guarantees.
- Welfare benefits have reached all sections of society.
- The state faced shortfalls in GST compensation from the Centre.
- Delays and inadequacies in GST compensation caused revenue losses.
- Karnataka suffered losses estimated between ₹12,000 crore and ₹15,000 crore.
- Welfare and development continued despite financial constraints.

JDS patriarch and former prime minister H D Deve Gowda announced on Monday that he plans to invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate a mega dairy plant, being constructed at a cost of Rs 550 crore near Hassan city

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chairs a meeting with SC/ST MLAs at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SCs, STs A BIG CHALLENGE FOR SIDDU

MLAs want separate grants, don't want diversion for guarantees

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah, who is all set to present his 17th budget on March 6, is facing a big challenge from within the Congress over allocation of funds for the comprehensive development of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

Siddaramaiah has convened a meeting of Congress MLAs from these communities to take them into confidence in terms of allocation of funds.

The government allocates 24.1% of its budget for the welfare of the SCs and STs under the Karnataka Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan Act. The Act came into force in 2013 and the government is committed to reserve 24.1% of the total budget to these communities based on their population.

According to a senior Congress leader, legislators from these communities have been demanding that the CM earmark separate grants for the SCs and STs and they be not diverted to implement the guarantee schemes.

"The MLAs are not able to get grants approved even for schemes such as Ganga Kalyana where borewells are drilled and pumpsets provided to ease the drinking water crisis in their constituencies. Embarrassed by this, they are pressuring Siddaramaiah to ensure separate grants for the welfare of their communities in this year's budget. The grants should not be reduced or diverted to implement the guarantee schemes. This pressure by the legislators may damage Siddaramaiah's reputation as a leader of Alpasankhyataru, Hindulidavaru, Dalitaru (Ahinda -- Minorities, Backward Classes and Dalits)," he said.

State convener of Dalit Sangarsh Samiti (DSS) Mavalli Shankar told TNIE that the Congress had announced the guarantee schemes in its election manifesto for people from all categories.

"When the announcement was made, the party did not mention that it will divert SCSP and TSP funds to the guarantee schemes if it comes to power. The aim of the Act is to empower the SCs and STs and ensure their growth. The other aim is to reduce the gap between the SCs/STs and other communities in terms of development. The funds earmarked should have been spent on these communities' education, health and employment. They should not have been diverted to implement the guarantee schemes," he said.

Many legislators from these communities have become ministers. Siddaramaiah announced Rs 34k crore, Rs 39k crore and Rs 42k crore, respectively, for the SCs and STs for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2024-26. But a major chunk has been diverted to the guarantee schemes. The Congress has over 32 MLAs from these communities.

Meanwhile, sources in the government said many legislators, especially from the Congress, are unhappy over not getting adequate funds to implement the schemes for the welfare of the SCs and STs.

"Around Rs 60,000 crore is spent on the guarantee schemes. This is a big amount for the government, which has to earmark funds for other development schemes also. Many legislators have expressed their displeasure in this regard in public events" the sources said.

BJP slams Priyank's RSS 'devil' remarks

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THE opposition BJP on Monday slammed IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge for terming the RSS a "devil" and the BJP its shadow, and questioned his contribution to the development of Kalyan Karnataka, which has remained the most backward region in the state.

Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru, BJP state president BY Vijayendra said Priyank criticises RSS to please anti-national elements and insult Hinduism. He questioned AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and his son Priyank's contribution to the development of the Kalyan Karnataka Region. "Despite being in power for nearly five decades, they have done little for the region's development, and the latest report on the regional imbalance shows that the number of backward taluks has increased," the BJP leader said.

To cover up his failures as a minister and to get publicity, Priyank targets the RSS, he said, adding that the Congress has appointed leaders like Priyank as its spokesperson to target Hindu culture and organisations.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said Priyank is under the false illusion that he can please his party's high command and get a better position by abusing the RSS daily. He accused Priyank of betraying the trust of the people of Kalyan Karnataka.

Chief Whip of the Opposition in Legislative Council N Ravi Kumar accused Priyank of using RSS to consolidate his position in the Congress and also keep himself in relevant in the ongoing leadership tussle. "It hardly matters for the RSS as to what Priyank says about the 100-year old organisation. Priyank is fast becoming a laughing stock and a butt of ridicule in the eyes of people by unnecessarily speaking against the RSS," Ravi Kumar said.

Subtle hint

Vijayendra said Congress MLC Yathindra had said things would be good for DCM DK Shivakumar and others after Shivaratri.

The CM's son had subtly hinted at the CM's possible resignation and indicated that he himself might join the cabinet if the CM steps down.

BJP urges Kharge to apologise

Vijayendra urged Priyank to apologise to people for stating that IT and BT companies are not coming forward to invest in Coastal Karnataka due to communal unease in the region. He said by making such remarks, the IT-BT minister insulted the people of the region. Apart from Bengaluru, coastal districts are among the fastest-developing regions in the state, he said. Ravi Kumar said Priyank says the IT-BT industry has not come to Coastal Karnataka due to the communal situation, but let him explain why the IT-BT industry is missing from the Kalyana Karnataka Region. "The educational scenario in Kalaburagi and Kalyana Karnataka Region is pathetic, with SSLC pass percentage being 48 per cent and PUC pass percentage being 49 per cent. This is not to say about the infrastructural condition, which is abysmally dismal," he said. Priyank stated that Dakshina Kannada has an immense talent pool and can contribute significantly to the state's growth. Political and religious leaders must ensure a conducive, stable environment for investments that generate employment. "This is not just my view, these sentiments are echoed strongly by the people of the region as well. Our government is committed to ensuring that the coastal region becomes an economic accelerator for the state," he stated.

JDS' secular values intact despite its alliance with BJP, says Nikhil

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JDS Youth Wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy said despite having a political tie-up with the BJP, the party has not shelved its secular values.

"The JDS is still strongly attached to our core secular credentials as secularism still stays in our heart firmly. We have certainly not compromised on that," he told media persons on Monday, replying to criticism that the party has no ideology and switches over loyalty anytime for political power.

He said the decision to enter into a power-sharing pact with the BJP was taken at the higher level of the JDS and there is no point in talking at the local level.

Questioning the secular credentials of the Congress, which has accused the JDS of compromising its secular values for power, Nikhil wondered why the Congress entered political arrangements with Shiv Sena in Maharashtra despite calling Shiv Sena a communal party.

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>
> Nikhil Kumaraswamy, JDS Youth Wing chief

Replying to allegations that a majority of leaders are quitting the JDS as they felt being sidelined, Nikhil defended the party, stating that the JDS has acted as a "leader making machine" with over 50 leaders in the present government having a JDS background. "Even in the case of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, he would not have become CM today if my grandfather, Deve Gowda had not made him deputy chief minister in 1996 when he was with the JDS," he said.

Accusing the ruling Congress of destroying the state's economy, he said after coming to power in Karnataka, the Siddaramaiah-led government has been borrowing huge loans to manage the budget. The government is borrowing at most Rs 1 lakh crore every year, which comes to around Rs 300 crore every day. "In this regard, the party will hold a public programme in Vijayapura city on February 27. We will hold similar events across Karnataka to prepare the party for the coming polls," he said.

JDS leader Nikhil Kumarawamy addresses media persons in Vijayapura on Monday

JDS to launch outreach prog in Siddu's turf from Feb 18

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Aiming to strengthen the JDS in Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's home turf and work towards bagging major seats in the region, the party has planned a massive outreach programme -- Janarondige Janata Dal -- in Mysuru region from Wednesday.

At a press meet here on Monday, JDS leader and former minister Sa Ra Mahesh said State Youth Wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy will begin campaigning from Periyapatna on Wednesday. Major interactive meetings and conventions will be held in Hunsur, T Narsipur and KR Nagar on February 22 and 25.

"People are already disillusioned with the Congress government. Even contractors have expressed objections and with this campaign, we are reaching out to people," he said.

Mahesh claimed that the state's debt has crossed Rs 7 lakh crore. Drawing comparison, he said former chief minister D Devaraj Urs had distributed land to the poor, whereas Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has burdened the state with loans. "The cost of living for common people has increased significantly," he said.

Alleging widespread encroachment of lakes across the district, he questioned the functioning of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), claiming that its vehicles, though in good condition, were auctioned off as scrap. "Public work is not progressing in the authority. An RTI activist has been distributing sweets. What is the intelligence department doing?" he asked.

He urged the CM to pay attention to alleged irregularities in the cultural capital of the state. Referring to a recent appointment, he said despite having a CM from the district, a backward class leader could have been nominated to the Legislative Council, but instead the position was given to the CM's son Yathindra Siddaramaiah. Mahesh also criticised the government for sending Congress MLAs on foreign tours despite financial constraints.

"There are no adequate funds for development works. Instead of controlling price rise, the government is organising tours and placing additional burden on people. All corporation chairpersons have been given cabinet rank. Even after three years, houses have not been provided to the poor. At least in his home district, let houses be distributed," he urged.

MLA G D Harish Gowda said under Nikhil Kumaraswamy's leadership, the 'Janarondige Janata Dal' programme is being organised in the district and the membership drive has already covered 9,000 km successfully. He appealed to party workers and the public to participate in large numbers in the campaign.

1% fee on gig platforms to fund social security

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THE state government has issued a notification mandating collection of a 1% Gig Workers Welfare Fee on payouts made by aggregators under the Karnataka Platform Based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2025. Capped by vehicle and service category, platforms must remit quarterly payments, funding social security schemes for gig and platform workers statewide.

In a Government Order dated February 13, the Labour Department directed that all platforms and aggregators listed under the Act must deduct and remit a welfare fee on payouts made to gig workers for every transaction undertaken through their platforms. The move is aimed at funding social security schemes for gig and platform workers.

The welfare fee shall range between 1% and 5% of the payout made to a gig worker. The State has fixed the fee at 1% of the payout, subject to category-wise caps depending on the nature of service and vehicle type.

For ride-hailing services, the fee will be 1% capped at Rs 0.50 for two-wheelers, Rs 0.75 for three-wheelers, and Rs 1 for four-wheelers. Similar rates apply to food and grocery delivery services using two-wheelers. In logistics services, the cap is Rs 0.50 for two-wheelers, Rs 0.75 for three-wheelers, Rs 1 for light commercial vehicles and Rs 1.50 for heavy commercial vehicles. E-marketplace services and professional activity providers will also attract a 1% fee with specified caps.

The fee excludes settled payments such as tips, incentives and referral bonuses. Aggregators must calculate and self-declare the welfare fee within five working days of the end of each quarter and remit it as notified by the government from time to time.

All payments and deductions are to be mapped to a Payment and Welfare Fee Verification System (PWFVS), to be administered by the state. Until the system is operational, platforms may self-report transaction details quarterly. Bank details for remittance will be hosted on the Labour Department website.

FKCCI seeks special policy for MSMEs

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THE Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) has urged the Karnataka government to prioritise in its 2026-27 Budget growth led by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), infrastructure upgrades and industrial expansion beyond Bengaluru, and sought a Rs-2.24 crore grant to host its Global MSME Conclave.

In its pre-Budget memorandum submitted to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday under the leadership of president Uma Reddy, FKCCI called for a dedicated policy for micro and small enterprises, noting that they constitute nearly 97% of industrial units in the state. It also recommended a State Procurement Policy on the lines of the Centre's mandate to ensure assured markets for local MSMEs.

A key demand is financial support for the Global MSME Conclave-2026, scheduled from May 29 to 31. With a total project cost of Rs 4.24 crore, FKCCI has proposed to mobilise Rs 2 crore internally and sought government assistance to bridge the Rs 2.24 crore gap, enabling MSMEs to avail stall subsidies.

The chamber stressed digital transformation of MSMEs through subsidies for ERP, Industry 4.0 tools, artificial intelligence and automation, besides integrating approvals under Sakala.

Meanwhile, Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) members also met the CM and called for urgent fiscal and structural reforms to ease the burden on micro and small industries in the state, warning that rising land costs, high interest rates and compliance pressures are affecting competitiveness. KASSIA sought rationalisation of industrial land pricing. It demanded reservation of industrial plots for micro and small units and completion of basic infrastructure before allotment.

MAHADEVAPPA'S CRYPTIC REMARK ON DOG CATCHING CREATES FLUTTER

Bengaluru: Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa's on Monday dismissed speculation about a leadership change in the Karnataka Congress government, saying that the state leadership remains strong. However, the minister's cryptic statement that the court has directed catching of stray dogs has received criticism. Mahadevappa said there is no discussion on leadership change. "The leadership in Karnataka is strong," he said. Referring to a recent court directive on stray dogs, Mahadevappa said authorities have been instructed to catch stray dogs and keep them in shelters. When asked whether he was drawing a comparison between stray dogs and certain leaders who have been publicly speaking about a possible change in leadership, he responded, "I don't know, you can analyse." The remark comes amid reports of some party leaders urging the Congress high command to intervene in the state's leadership matters. Reacting to this, Mahadevappa questioned, "Who should tell whom? The high command should direct us and not the other way," he said. He added that the tail cannot shake the dog, but the dog can shake its tail. ENS

SAFEGUARDING LIVELIHOOD

Aam Aadmi Party members protest against the recent trade agreement signed between India and the US, in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

RESORTS BOOKED? CAN'T MLAs GO ON HOLIDAY, SAYS GUNDU RAO

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HEALTH and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao dismissed speculation over alleged booking of resorts in Goa for MLAs, asserting that there was "nothing unusual" if legislators chose to travel for a holiday.

"Nothing has been booked. Can't our MLAs go on a holiday? They may travel together or separately. There is nothing extraordinary about it," Rao told reporters in Bailhongal.

Responding to reports that legislators were preparing for a foreign tour, Gundu Rao said he was unaware of who was travelling and questioned whether anyone could object to a personal trip.

On the buzz around a possible change in the CM's post, Rao downplayed it. "Who said there is no full stop? The issue has already been addressed," he said, declining to comment on whether Siddaramaiah would continue as chief minister.

Rejecting claims that repeated talks of leadership change were causing confusion within the Congress, Gundu Rao maintained that the party remained united. "There is absolutely no confusion. We stood united during the recent special Assembly session and during the 1,000-day programme in Haveri. All MLAs are together. There is no adverse impact on the government, nor any internal dissent," he asserted.

Referring to remarks by the CM's son, Yathindra, that there would be no change in the CM's post, he said senior leaders, including the CM and Deputy CM, had already clarified the matter as per the high command's guidance. "Once they have spoken, the matter ends. Sometimes statements are made in the heat of the moment when microphones are held out. There is no problem within the party," he said.

Reacting to MLA Ravi Ganiga's reported statement that no one could prevent Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar from becoming chief minister, the minister reiterated that there was no need for further comments once the CM and Deputy CM had spoken. "All MLAs, ministers and leaders are united," he stressed.

Addressing concerns raised by Minister Priyank Kharge that communal tensions in the coastal region were deterring investment, Gundu Rao said the government had taken multiple corrective steps to restore peace. "There is now a peaceful atmosphere. We are making continuous efforts to attract more investment. Law and Order is being maintained impartially. Action is taken against anyone who violates the law, regardless of affiliation," he said.

He noted that during the recent visit of the CM and Deputy CM to Kumta, approvals were granted for three new five-star hotels to boost tourism. A Rs 70-crore proposal to establish a KEONICS unit was also cleared, which he said would help attract more firms to Mangaluru and Dakshina Kannada.

Gundu Rao acknowledged that communal tensions had previously hampered growth but said awareness efforts were under way.

Bengaluru Customs Officers seized 6.98kg of hydroponic ganja, valued at around ₹2.44cr, from a passenger at Terminal 2 (T2) of Kempegowda International Airport on February 13. The accused was arriving from Bangkok, and hid the contraband inside cookie packets

Hoax threat mails targeting courts send cops into tizzy

All evacuated from court premises in Hassan, Dharwad and Madikeri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hassan, Dharwad, Madikeri

BOMB threats targeting courts in Hassan, Dharwad and Madikeri sent judges, lawyers and clients into a tizzy on Monday. All the threats turned out to be hoax after the police and dog squads conducted extensive searches at all these courts before declaring the premises safe.

In Hassan, tension prevailed at the district court for some time after it received a hoax bomb threat mail. Judges, advocates, staff and clients were evacuated while searches were conducted. The court was declared safe after a check.

The deputy commissioner's and DC's offices too had received such threats recently.

In Madikeri, all activities came to a standstill at the District Court after the threat mail was received. Everyone present at the court was evacuated, and a dog squad rushed to the Court premises after the administrator received a threat email.

The administrator received the email from an anonymous ID threatening to blow up the court at 12.15 pm. The administrator read the email after reporting to work in the morning and alerted the police, who evacuated all from the building.

The police, dog squad and Anti-Sabotage Check personnel rushed to the premises and blocked entry to the court. The police thoroughly checked the premises till 12.15 pm and declared the building safe. Later, the court proceedings resumed.

Madikeri DySP Suraj, Madikeri Rural Inspector Chandrashekar, and several police personnel were present during the check. The court administrator filed a complaint of hoax threat with the Madikeri city police. SP Bindu Mani confirmed that the ASC team checked the Court premises, and nothing suspicious was found.

For the second time in two months, the high court bench in Dharwad received a hoax bomb mail on Monday. A similar threat landed at the district court mailbox too.

SP Gunjan Arya and other top police officers rushed to the spot, sanitised the premises and declared it a hoax after a thorough check. The police conducted the search for over three hours before allowing the judicial officers, staff, lawyers and others back into the court. The district court premises too were searched and later declared safe. The mail said the bomb would go off on the high court bench premises by 1.50 pm. A case was registered at the Garag police station.

No suicide, missing woman traced in Kunigal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hassan

IN a dramatic turn to a suspected missing woman case, police traced Priyanka, who went missing after attending a wedding in Chikkamagaluru. According to a complaint filed by her husband Rudresh, Priyanka had travelled from Kunigal to Chikkamagaluru with her mother to attend a marriage on Friday. She went missing soon after the event.

Police found her clothes, vanity bag and other belongings on the banks of a tank near Kalkere on the Belur–Hassan Road. Suspecting suicide or murder, the police launched a search operation for her body but found nothing even after several hours. Police later found that Priyanka, along with Devid, had allegedly changed her dress and slippers in a forest area near the tank and left them on the bank to make it appear as if she had died by suicide.

Based on CCTV footage and mobile phone tracking, the police traced her to the house of Devid in Kunigal. Both were reportedly working at a garment unit. Police said Priyanka had allegedly planned to elope with Devid, who is from Bihar. She has an eight-year-old son. Priyanka has been taken into custody and shifted to a women's protection and welfare centre after she refused to return with her husband, the police said.

BLACK BEAUTY

A rare black fox sighted near Kollegal in Chamarajanagar district on Monday

Toddler, woman killed in separate road accidents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A two-year-old boy was killed after a speeding car rammed into a scooter and ran over him, while he was on his way to a temple with his aunt as it was Maha Shivaratri on Sunday evening, near Kashappa Circle on Margondanahalli–Kittaganur main road in the KR Puram traffic police limits.

Local residents protested on Monday, alleging that negligence by civic authorities led to the accident, as road works are ongoing past their deadline. The deceased boy, Trishan, was a resident of Yelahanka. The accused, Krishna Mohan Menon (43), a private firm employee and a resident of Old Madras Road, was arrested. The child's parents were in Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh at the time of the incident.

Trishan with his aunt Vijayalakshmi and her son was going to the temple on the scooter (KA-53-EF-7817). Vijayalakshmi stopped as there was a traffic jam near Kashappa Circle. But the car (KA-03-NT-1831), driven at allegedly high speeds by Menon, rear ended the two-wheeler. Because of the impact, the child fell on the road and came under the wheels of the car. A badly injured Trishan was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

DCP (Traffic-East) Sahil Bagla told TNIE that the accused was secured and allegations of poor infrastructure at the accident spot would be verified.

Local residents alleged that despite their complaints to Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar, the local MLA and GBA officials, the road work had not been completed.

Tipper lorry crushes woman to death

A 49-year-old woman died after a tipper lorry knocked her down on Bannerghatta Road, in the Adugodi police limits on Sunday. The deceased, Amala, was riding the pillion, with her 24-year-old-son on a scooter after shopping. She lost balance and fell on the road when brakes were applied. The rear wheel of the tipper lorry ran over her legs and abdomen. She was rushed to a hospital but she died due to severe injuries and loss of blood. The tipper driver, Basavaraj (42), from Raichur, was arrested and later released on station bail.

Principal arrested after teacher blames him in note before hanging herself

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

THE principal of a private international school in Bidadi was arrested for abetting a 37-year-old language teacher to die by suicide. The victim before taking her life left a note accusing the principal and another teacher for her death.

The victim's husband, working as an assistant professor in a college, has filed the complaint against the principal and the class teacher in the Bidadi police station. The principal identified as Prashanth L was arrested, however no action was taken against the teacher as her role could not be established.

The deceased was identified as Saraswathi, a language teacher at the school. She took the extreme step on Friday afternoon between 3.50 pm and 4.35 pm at her residence in Bidadi. The victim's son was also studying in the same school. Victim's son had not completed home work on time because of a family function. His class teacher was accused of beating him, causing bruises all over his body. When Saraswathii questioned her son's class teacher and the principal, she is said to be humiliated. Upset over this, the woman died by hanging herself from the ceiling fan with a saree.

On Friday at around 3.30 pm, the victim called her husband Vinod Kumar and said she was upset as the principal abused and insulted her using derogatory words although she had done nothing wrong. The complainant told his wife that he would finish his class and return. Soon after, the complainant received repeated calls from his son and other family members. After rushing home, the husband broke open the door and found his wife hanging from the ceiling fan with a saree. They rushed her to a nearby hospital and the doctors declared dead on arrival.

An officer said, "While inspecting the house, a death note was found, stating that Prashanth and the class teacher were responsible for her death. The principal is alleged to have earlier insulted the victim on several occasions and humiliated her twice in front of school staff. He insulted her again on Friday when she went to ask him for the reasons why her son was beaten. The principal is remanded in judicial custody", A case of abetment of suicide under section 108 of BNS.

HELPLINE

If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (available 24x7) or iCall, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, which is available Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm.

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK - BANGALORE CIRCLE
1st Floor, Raheja Tower, 26-27 M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
Phone : 9945568435, E-Mail Id : cobangeastgad@pnb.co.in,

PREMISES REQUIRED

Punjab National Bank requires suitable ready built and well-constructed hall type building for **OPENING BRANCH WITH ATM** at the following places on Lease / Rental basis. Premises should be preferably in Ground Floor, if in 1st floor lift should be available.

Sl.No.	Place	Carpet Area (in SFT)
01.	Kadugodi (Whitefield), Bangalore	1600 to 2000
02.	Varthur, Bangalore	1600 to 2000
03.	Hesarghatta, Bengaluru Rural	1200 to 1600

Premises offered should have all clearance certificates from statutory authorities. Interested Owners / Registered Power of attorney Holders of such premises in the desired locality who are ready to lease out their readily available premises on long term lease basis preferably for 15 years or more may send their offers in the prescribed format available on Bank's **Website : www.pnbindia.in** or the same may be obtained from the above address during office hours. The complete offer duly sealed & signed should reach the undersigned **On or before (23-02-2026 till 05.00 PM)** at the above address.
No brokerage will be paid by the Bank. Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers at its sole discretion without assigning any reasons whatsoever.
Date of Advertisement : 17-02-2026 **CIRCLE HEAD, Bangalore Circle**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
PALAKKAD DIVISION
Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Southern Railway/Palakkad invites E – TENDERS for the following works.
E - TENDER NOTICE No. PGT/OT/03/2026 dated 13/02/2026

Sl No	Name of work
(1)	(2)
1	Palakkad Division - Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction - Proposed renewal of SEJ to TWSEJ and Glue Joints.
2	Palakkad Division - Provision of new Track Machine rest houses at Nilambur (NIL), Vadakara (BDJ) & Nileshwaram (NLE).
3	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mangalore Subdivision - Brightening of staff quarters, service buildings and platform shelter in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Mangalore Sub Division.
4	Vadakara (BDJ) - Proposed Track machine satellite depot - Civil Works.
5	Palakkad division- Improvements to drainage improvement works on RUB no.209 at km 6/200-300 in Mangalore-Panamburu section.
6	Preliminary Civil engineering Site Preparation works for 11kV/433V substation in connection with the work: - Improvements to Thalassery Railway Station (NSG-3) under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (Phase I)

Sl. No.	Approximate Cash value in (₹) lakhs	Bid Security Amount (₹)	Tender closing date on 15.00 hrs	Completion Period In Months
	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	263.96	2,82,000/-	17/03/2026	Twelve
2	311.54	3,05,800/-	17/03/2026	Twelve
3	155.47	2,27,700/-	17/03/2026	Twelve
4	772.61	5,36,300/-	17/03/2026	Twelve
5	34.05	68,100/-	10/03/2026	Six
6	35.00	70,000/-	10/03/2026	Nine

1) All the contracts on Works / goods / services will be subject to the New GST Act as applicable from time to time.
(2) Contractors / Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from **01.07.2017** onwards .
(3) For complete details of the above tenders please visit Web site **"http://www.ireps.gov.in"**.
Note : It is the responsibility of the Tenderer to check any corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken in to account while submitting Tender.

Sr. Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination
Southern Railway / Palakkad.
(For and on behalf of the President of India)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two cover system) (Through e-procurement portal only)

Item wise tenders are invited through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

(1) KPCL/2025-26/PM/WORK_INDENT 3996. Dated: 13.02.2026. **Name of the work:** Renovation and Modernization of HVAC system including complete Dismantling of existing System and Design, Engineering Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning and handing over of eco-friendly 16.5 TR package type AC System (1 Working + 1 Standby) for RTPS-KPCL Unit 1 to 4 ESP Control Rooms on turnkey basis and buyback of existing AC System at RTPS, Shakthinagar, Raichur Dist., Further details can be had from office of the **Executive Engineer (Thermal Design),** KPCL, No.3, 2nd Floor, Green Building, Drugs Control Department Premises, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. **Mobile: 94806 82537.**

(2) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 3941. Dated: 06.02.2026. **Name of the work:** Replacement of exisitng 5 Nos. of Private Branch Exchange System installed at KPCL HO, Shakthi Bhavan, Bengaluru with new systems along with Key Telephone Switches. Last Date for submission of bid documents: 20.02.2026 upto 15:00 Hrs. Further details can be had from office of the **Chief Engineer (Electrical Design),** No.3, 3rd Floor, KPCL Green Building, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. **Mobile: 94482 90779.**

UNICO HOUSING FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED
Registered Office: The Oval, 8th Floor, No.10 and 12, Venkata Narayana Road, T.Nagar, Chennai - 600 017

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT OF 2002

Whereas, Unico Housing Finance Private Limited through its Head office Chennai, Notice Issued to the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors defaulted in the repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates for the credit facilities obtained by them and the account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of Unico Housing Finance Private Limited under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling up on the following borrowers / co-borrowers / guarantors / mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned as un-claimed and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower Address: 1. Shekar V (Borrower) 2.Geetha M (Co-borrower / Guarantor) Both are residing Address: No.92, Meenakshi Layout Parappana Agrahara Electronics City, Near Neo Super Market, Bangalore - 560 100, Karnataka **Property Address:** Site No 1253 Khatha No 97 1253 Sy No 97 Rachenahalli Village Ramkrishna Hedge Nagar Kr Puram Hobli East Taluk. **NPA Date: 08-02-2026, Loan Account No: 953830744201, Date of Demand Notice: 09-02-2026 & Outstanding Amount : Rs. 84,10,394/- as on 09-02-2026.**

Description of the Secured Asset : All that Piece and Parcel of the Immovable Property Bearing Site No.1253, Khatha No. 97/1253. Formed in Government Sy. No.97, Situated at Rachenahalli Village, (Ramakrishna Hegde Nagar), Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, Measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 30 feet, Totally Measuring 1500 Square Feet, Together with Existing Residential building Thereon, together with Existing Thereon, together with all Rights, appurtenances Whatsoever whether Underneath or Above the Surface and Bounded on: East by: Site No.1216; West by: Road; North by: Site No.1254; South by: Site No.1252.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers / co-borrowers / guarantors / mortgagors (wherever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 09.02.2026 **Sd/-**
Place: Chennai **Authorized Officer**
(Unico Housing Finance Private Limited)

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियंता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग खंड सीमलवाड़ा
क्रमांक: टी. एस. / निविदा फाइल / 2025-26 / डी- 3174-81 दिनांक:- 04.02.2026
निविदा सूचना संख्या - 10/2025-26
NIB Code :- PWD2526A5528

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से भवन निर्माण कार्य हेतु मय नियमानुसार डिफेक्ट लाईबिलिटी सहित के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एव राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवम् दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदका, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से कार्यो हेतु ई-टेन्डरिंग के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र मे भवन निर्माण कार्य कुल 01 कार्य जिनकी कुल लागत राशि रु.219.50लाख है, प्राप्त की जावेगी। निविदा से संबंधित विवरण वेब साईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता हैं। कार्यवार यू.बी.एन. संख्या निम्नानुसार हैं :-

NIB Code No :	PWD2526A5528	(डी. सी. पंड्या)
UBNNo :	PWD2526WSOB22518	अधिशासी अभियंता
DIPR/C/2789/2026		सा.नि.वि. खंड सीमलवाड़ा

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of A.P. Undertaking)
VIDYUT SOUDHA, VIJAYAWADA-520004

TENDER NOTICE NO : 610002216

APGENCO invites competitive Bids on APGENCO e-procurement platform from Eligible Bidders for Coal Sample Collection by using Automatic Augurs/ manual sampling using shovels, Preparation, Testing and Analysis for a qty 20.844MMTPA(approx.) Supplied by Mahanadi Coal Limited (M/s MCL) and M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (M/s SCCL) etc., at unloading points viz. Dr. NTTPS and Dr. MVR RTPP, APGENCO for a period of One Year as per IS 436 (Part I/ Secl)-1964 (Reaffirmed 2019) & IS 1350 (Part-I & Part-II, 1984 RA 2019) or its latest version).
Schedule available date and time : From 18:00 Hrs on 12.02.2026 onwards
Pre-bid Meeting date and time : 15:00 Hrs on 23.02.2026
Bid submission closing date and time : 13:00 Hrs on 05.03.2026
Pre-qualification bid opening date and time : 15:00 Hrs on 05.03.2026
Price Bid opening date and time : 15:00 Hrs on 09.03.2026
For details, visit **www.apgenco.gov.in** (or) **https://etender.apgenco.gov.in**
DIPR No.4836PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 16/02/2026

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE KOPPAL
No.DDLRK/EST/TENDER/01/2025-26 Dated: 16-02-2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Under e-Procurement System
Tender Document for Procurement of Man Power Agency for Band peon for KOPPAL DIST

Tender Reference	SSLRD/2025-26/OSBP-01
Commencement of issue of Bid document through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka	16-02-2026
Last date for submitting clarification if any	18-02-2026
Pre bid Meeting	20-02-2026 11.00 AM
Last date and time for uploading of tender in e-Procurement platform	02-03-2026 05.00 PM
Time and date of opening of tenders: Technical Bid	04-03-2026 11.00 AM
Time and date of opening of tenders: Commercial Bid	09-03-2026 11:00 AM
Contact Person for queries	ASSTANT DIRECTOR (ADM)Cell: 9731062389 EMAIL:ddlrkoppal3@gmail.com
Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for communication	Deputy Director Of Land Records. Koppal
EMD Amount	Rs. 1,32,133.84=00

Note: Completed tender shall be uploaded through e-Procurement system only in the manner described under instructions to Tender Section I of tender Documents on or before the last date & time stipulated.
Sd/- DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS, KOPPAL
DIPR/Koppal/683/DeshpandePublicity/2025-26

HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LIMITED
Corporate Office: 27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032. CIN: U65993MH2008PLC384221.
Branch Office: No.50, 4th Floor, Vinay Arcade, K. H. Road, Bengaluru (KA) – 560027.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (THE "ACT") READ WITH RULE 8 AND 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the "Act") read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is herebygiven to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor (s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD (hereinafter referred to as the "Secured Creditor" as per the Act) , the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12)of the Act read with Rules 8 and 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rule pursuant to notice under section 13(2) of the Act.
The Secured Assetswill be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 24-03-2026 through E-Auction. It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public through E-Auction platform provided at the website: www.auctionfocus.in
For detailed T&Cs of sale, please refer to link provided in HLF/Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.hindujaleylandfinance.com

Account No. Name of Borrower, Co- Borrower	A) Demand Notice Date- B) Outstanding Balance as per Demand Notice C) Possession date	A) Foreclosure Date B) Outstanding Balance as per Foreclosure	1.Reserve Price 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP). 3. Bid Incremental Amount	1.Date and Time of Auction 2.Last Date of Submission of EMD 3.Date & Time of Property Inspection
1.Account No: KABNBN03437 1. M/S. V V ENTERPRISES, Prop: Mr. M. VIJAY VARMA, 2. Mr. M. VIJAY VARMA, 3. Mrs. Vasundhara V. Varma.	A) Demand Notice Date: 18-01-2023 B) Outstanding Balance as per Demand Notice : Rs.1,59,76,198/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Seventy Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight Only) as on 13-01-2023 C) Possession Date : 27-09-2023	A) Foreclosure Date: 06-02-2026 B) Outstanding Balance as per Foreclosure: Rs.2,70,38,497.40 (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Seven and Forty Paise only)	Reserve Price : Rs. 55,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) Bid Incremental Amount: Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)	Date and Time of Auction: 24-03-2026 Time : (02:00 PM To 03:00 PM) Last Date of Submission of EMD with KYC :- 20-03-2026 Before 05:00 PM Date & Time of Property Inspection: Date: 17-03-2026 Time : Before 02:00 PM.

Description of Property - All that part and parcel of property bearing PH-1, New Municipal No.27/8 in Third Floor of Chaitra Manor having 3016 Sq. Ft. or Super Built-Up area along with 668 Sq. Ft. of undivided share in Municipal No.27, PID No.96-173-27, HL.No.27 & 28, Khatha No.48/2, 14th Cross of Nagavara within the limits of BBMP and bounded on: East by : Property No.26, West by : Property No.29, North by : Private Property, South by : Road.

The intending bidders/purchasers are advised to visit Secured Creditor Branch and the auction properties, and make his own enquiry and ascertain additional charges, encumbrances and any third-party interests and satisfy himself/herself/itself in all aspects thereto before submitting the bids. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity/water dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property to be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder.
The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding, from auction service provider) M/s. AUCTION FOCUS PVT.LTD. Email id – support@auctionfocus.in. Contact Person – Mrs. Shraddha, Contact number - 90166 41848 & Contact Person – Mr. Karan Soni Contact number - 94276 22242 please note that Prospective bidders may avail online training on e-auction from them only. The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of by way of NEFT/RTGS /DD in the account of "HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD", Bank- Kotak Mahindra Bank. Account No-3011253960 and IFSC Code- KKBK0000462, having its branch at Anna Salai drawn on any Nationalized or Scheduled Bank on or before 20-03-2026 and register their name at https://www.auctionfocus.in and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-Auction from the service provider. After their Registration on the website, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded, e-mail and sent self-attested hard copy at Address: No.50, 4th Floor, Vinay Arcade, K. H. Road, Bengaluru (KA) – 560027, Authorised Officer: Mr.Vijay T. Mobile No. 9845339107, e-mail ID vijay.t@hindujaleylandfinance.com. For further details on terms and conditions please visit https://www.auctionfocus.in & www.hindujaleylandfinance.com to take part in e-auction.
Date: 17-02-2026, Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer For HindujaLeyland FinanceLimited.**

A 45-year-old labourer returning from work was trampled to death by a wild elephant at Pura, near Hunasehalli in the Devadana grama panchayat limits of Chikkamagaluru district on Monday. The victim's body was handed over to his family after conducting autopsy at the Balehonnur government hospital

Defence minister calls upon scientists to revup pace to meet nation's strategic needs

Time to focus on 6th-gen aero engines: Rajnath

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DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday stressed on the need to move beyond fifth-generation aerospace engines and develop the sixth generation. Noting that while developed nations often take 25-30 years to develop next-generation engines, he called upon Indian scientists to compress timelines in view of the nation's strategic needs.

"We must assume that 20 years have already passed, and have only five to seven years left," Singh said, describing it as a call for action aligned with national aspirations.

The defence minister said this during a visit to the Defence Research and Development Organisation's Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) in Bengaluru, where he reviewed the status of ongoing projects relating to indigenous military gas turbine engine development a day ahead of the sixth India-France Annual Defence Dialogue.

Singh said, "We are rapidly moving towards the design and development of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft. We have made numerous attempts in the past to achieve expertise in the field of aero engines. Now, the time has come to complete those efforts. We cannot limit ourselves to only fifth-generation engines. We must begin the development of the sixth generation with advanced technologies as soon as possible."

The Union minister cited Operation Sindoor as evidence of the country's growing reliance on indigenous defence technologies. "Whether it was communication systems, surveillance equipment, or attack weapons, everything was indigenous. This boosted the morale of our soldiers and instilled pride among citizens. In view of the evolving challenges, it is imperative to focus more on indigenous methods and provide our forces with world-class systems and equipment," he said.

Singh also interacted with scientists at the GTRE and hailed its efforts towards bolstering national security through self-reliance. "Supply chains are breaking and new ecosystems are developing. Nations with indigenous critical technologies will remain safe, secure, and sustain themselves," he said.

India, according to the minister, is one of the world's fastest-growing civil aviation markets. He said that GTRE's high-temperature composites could significantly benefit the civil aviation, power generation and space sectors in the future. Praising GTRE for its joint study with the UK for aero engine development, Singh said the process has been initiated with France, too, for aero engines under the National Aero Engine Mission.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh being welcomed by officers at the HAL Airport in Bengaluru on Monday

India-France defence dialogue begins today

BENGALURU: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will co-chair the 6th India–France Annual Defence Dialogue in Bengaluru on Tuesday. During the event, he and France's Minister of the Armed Forces and Veteran Affairs Catherine Vautrin will discuss bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries. This is Vautrin's first visit to India since she took over as France's defence minister on October 12, 2025. The two countries are expected to renew the bilateral defence cooperation agreement for another decade, and the two ministers are likely to sign a memorandum of understanding on joint-manufacturing of Hammer missiles. They are also slated to announce reciprocal deployment of officers at the Indian Army and the French Land Forces. "The recent India-EU Security and Defence Partnership marks a significant step in deepening collective engagement with European nations. Military-to-military cooperation is on an increase. India and France have been regularly carrying out three major exercises – Exercise Shakti with Army, Exercise Varuna with Navy and Exercise Garuda with Air Force," a statement said.

Rajnath launches BEL's missile integration facility

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the missile integration facility, Akash 3rd and 4th Regiment Combat Systems and the Mountain Fire Control Radar at Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Bengaluru on Monday. He also remotely inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence in Pune and launched the company's AI Policy. He lauded BEL for its achievements in electronic warfare systems, avionics, naval platforms, electro-optics and tank electronics. "BEL has strengthened network-centric operations. Its integrated systems, real-time data sharing and decision-support capabilities have taken our combat effectiveness to a new level," he said. Singh inspected various research and development projects at BEL, including Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile Systems, Light Combat Aircraft Mark II, Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft, Project Kusha (MR SAM/LR SAM), Counter Drone Systems and Naval Weapon Control Systems. Indigenisation initiatives by various wings of BEL were also showcased. Singh urged the R&D team of BEL to collaborate with start-ups, industry, and academia for agile product development using the latest technologies in AI and autonomous systems.

Final rites held for B'luru techie shot dead in Canada

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THE parents and relatives of software engineer Chandan Kumar, who was shot dead in Canada, broke down when his mortal remains reached his home on Monday morning, ten days after his death. The final rites were held at his hometown, Thyamagondlu in Nelamangala, on Monday evening.

The mortal remains arrived at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru from Delhi late on Sunday night and the body was later taken to his residence by ambulance. It was kept for the public to pay their respects between 12 noon and 3pm after which the final rites were performed.

Chandan Kumar (37), who was working as a project manager at a private company and residing in Brampton, Canada, was shot dead by unidentified assailants on February 7 around 3.30pm near a parking lot near Rexdale Boulevard and Highway 27. The Toronto Police, who are investigating the murder, earlier said it was a "targeted" attack and not a random act. Unidentified assailants reportedly fired multiple rounds into Chandan's SUV. As of the latest reports, no supects have been arrested.

Chandan's father Nanda Kumar demanded justice for his son's murder. "We received the body of our son on the day of Shivaratri. May God bless him with another life. I have already submitted a petition to Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara. We will also appeal to the Central and state governments. My son's death is not a natural one, and a proper investigation must be conducted. We are going through unbearable pain. No one should face such suffering," he said.

Chandan's mother Shailaja, said, "Our son had earned a good name. He dreamed of building a house in Canada and had made several efforts to take us there. His death has caused immense pain. He left us at an age when he should have been living happily. A proper investigation must be conducted into his murder. Justice must be delivered to my son and to us," she said.

Tourism official fined for rejecting RTI plea

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BASED on the directions of Karnataka Information Commissioner Rudranna Hartikote, the state government formed an investigation committee under the joint secretary of the tourism department in connection with the missing performance report of a retired deputy conservator of forests (DCF) for the year 2012–13.

Retired DCF KM Balasubramanya Prasad had sent an RTI application to the tourism department's public information officer to provide his performance report for his stint at the Jungle Lodges and Resorts. However, an official concerned denied giving any information, forcing Prasad to file a second appeal in the Karnataka Information Commission (KIC). Hartikote, who conducted the inquiry, levied a fine of Rs. 25,000 on Tourism Department Under Secretary Mohammed Ibrahim and ordered the payment of Rs 3,000 as compensation to the applicant, a release stated.

Notice to Hoskote tahsildar

In a separate case, the state government issued a show cause notice to Hoskote Tahsildar Somashekar. The KIC had imposed a fine of Rs. 80,000 on some officials and order payment of relief to the applicants. When the negligence of the tahsildar continued, the Commission directed the additional chief secretary of the revenue department to conduct a departmental inquiry.

EXPRESS READ

HC quashes CMC notice to firm on trade licence

BENGALURU: The HC on Monday quashed a notice issued by the chief officer of the Chintamani municipal council (CMC) in Chikkaballapura district to Kesari Enterprises and its proprietor Jyothi Mohan Hebbar to obtain a trade licence under Section 256 of the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964, for exhibition of cinematographic films. Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order allowing in part the petition questioning the legality of the notice issued on December 9, 2024. The court declared that exhibition of cinematographic films, being regulated under the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964, does not fall within Nos 2 and 3 of Part-I of the Schedule XIII to the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964. Therefore, it does not attract the requirement of a trade licence under Section 256, the court said.

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Branch Office : No.86/2, Hospet Road, BALLARI - 583102.

POSSESSION NOTICE [(Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)]

Whereas the undersingned being the authorised officer of Karantaka State Financial Corporation, Branch Office, Ballari under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 17.11.2025** called upon the borrower **Sri. A. Balaji Naik, M/s Shree Balaji Solar Power Project,** Sy. No. 134A/3, Kudligi Road, Mariyammanahalli, Hosapete Tq., Vijayanagara Dt. and the guarantor **Sri. B. Vishnu Naik**, Mariyammanahalli, Hosapete Tq., Vijayanagara District to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,97,00,644.98 (Rupees Two Crores Ninety Seven lakhs Six Hundred Forty Four & paise Ninety Eight only)** & **DIC Soft Seed Capital amount of Rs.67,88,766.00 (Rupees Sixty Seven lakhs Eighty Eight thousand Seven hundred Sixty Six only) as on 10.11.2025 within 60 days from the date of said notice.** The above demand notice was duly served.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the **undersigned has taken possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this **12th February 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and **any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Karantaka State Financial Corporation for an amount of Rs. 3,03,57,901.98 (Rupees Three Crores Three lakhs Fifty Seven thousand Nine hundred one and paise Ninety Eight only) and DIC Soft Seed Capital amount of Rs. 69,53,225.00 (Rupees Sixty Nine lakhs Fifty Three thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five only) as on 10-02-2026 and interest thereon.**

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No. 134A/3, Kudligi Road, Mariyammanahalli, Hosapete Tq., Vijayanagara District NA land measuring Sy.No.134/A3 - 3.00 acres & Sy.No. 134/2 - 2.40 acres totally 5.40 acres. NA land converted for industrial as Solar Power Project purpose vide its NA order No.REV/ALN/23/2016-17, dated 06.06.2016 by the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari standing in the name of Sri.A.Balaji Naik S/o A.Gopal Naik, together with Godown, Solar panel supporting structure sheds and residential building already constructed and to be constructed thereon along with structures, fixtures and fittings and **Bounded** on the East by: National Highway No. 13, West by: Property belonging to Gopal Naik & Ramesh Naik , North by: Property belonging to Smt. Shanthamma W/o A.Balaji Naik, South by: Cart Road.

Place : Ballari
Date : 12-02-2026

Sd/-, AUTHORISED OFFICER
KSFC, Branch Office : Ballari

KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Grameenabhivriddhi Bhavana, 4th & 5th Floor, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009.
No.: KRIDL/WKS/CMT/TND/2025-26 Date: 16.02.2026

SHORT-TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The applications are invited for the supply of CEMENT to KRIDL sub divisions in Karnataka from the manufacturers with a turnover stipulated in table below per annum in last 3 financial years. Interested manufacturers/Agents/Dealers can participate in the tender can view, download and apply only through E-Governance Secretariat New website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Contact: +91 9240214000, +91 9240214001, +91 80 68948777, +91 80 46010000.

Sl. No.	Particulars of Tender	CP Cement Qty. put to tender in bags	PP Cement Qty. put to tender in bags	Approx. amount put to tender in Rs. lakhs	EMD amount in Rs. Lakhs	Required turnover per Annum of Firm Rs. in Lakhs
1	**Tender Part-I,** Bengaluru & BBMP Zone OP Cement	158900	-	487.82	7.32	1561.00
2	**Tender Part-II,** Central (Chitradurga) Zone OP Cement	386500	-	1186.55	15.00	3796.00
3	**Tender Part-III,** Mysuru Zone OP Cement	425000	-	1318.13	15.00	4218.00
4	**Tender Part-IV,** Belagavi Zone OP Cement	210500	-	617.05	9.26	1974.00

Period of Supply three months from the date of supply order. Last date and time for enquiry is **24.02.2026 up to 14.00 Hrs.** Last date and time for receipt of tender: **24.02.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs.** Date of opening the Technical bid is on **26.02.2026 at 15.00 Hrs.** Date of opening the Financial bid is on **27.02.2026 at 15.00 Hrs.**

For further details please contact: Chief Engineer (North), KRIDL, Bengaluru-09.
Ph : 080-28015605. E-mail: ddworkskridl@gmail.com
For information please log on to: www.kridl.org.in

Sd/- Chief Engineer (North)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring the notice of the General Public that my client, Sri.Gangaswamy Son of Late Veeragudde Gowda, Aged about 89 Years, Residing at No.1117, 25th Main, J.P.Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore – 560 078., is the absolute owner of the Immovable Vacant Property Bearing Old Site No.152, Old Katha No.2, Present C.M.C.Property No.152/157, Present C.M.C. Katha No.157, Measuring East to West 45 Feet and North to South 35 Feet, in all Measuring 1575 Square Feet., Situated at Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, and bounded on:East by: Site No.159, West by: Road, North by: Site No.153, and South by: Site No.151., do hereby declare that he has lost the Original Sale deed dated 23.06.1966, Bearing Document No.1613/1966-67, of Book-1, on the file of Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Executed by P.S.Chinnappa in favour of Smt.Subbalakshmamma, while renovating the house, unexpectedly lost or misplaced the above said original registered sale deed dated 23.06.1966, With his best efforts he could not able to trace the same, in this regard he has lodged a police missing Lost Report No:2064069/2026, dated 15.02.2026, since he could not trace the Original Sale deed, if any one find the above said original document, may kindly be handover the same to the undersigned or to the nearby police station, in case anybody misuse the said documents, my client is not responsible for the same., Any person/s having objection/s or claims, with respect to the schedule property, may with documentary evidence, lodge their objections/claims within seven days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, where after no further claims will be entertained and or the same will be deemed to have been waived or abandoned.

Contact:
H. R. Jayashekara Reddy, Advocate
No.348, 6th Main, 15 'A' Cross, 6th Sector, H.S.R.Layout, Bangalore – 560 102.
Mob. 8217004281 / 9880715022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my clients Sri.Pramod K S Jayam, Son of Sri.Jayam Subramanyam, Aged about 56 years and Smt.Veena C Jayam, wife of Sri.Pramod K S Jayam, aged about 53 years, both are residing at No:31, First Block, Second Main, third Phase, Banashankari Third Stage, Bangalore – 560 085, have lost / misplaced the original of (i) allotment letter dt:14-07-1981 vide No.A8/240/Y/BSKIII, VII, IV 81-82, issued by the Chairman, Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore and (ii) Katha Endorsement dt:23-11-2006 vide No.DA/W56/KTR/274/06-07 and MTR/277/06-07 issued by Asst. Revenue Officer, Padmanabhanagar Division, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, in respect of the schedule property;

In the said circumstances, my clients have lodged a complaint dt:12-02-2006 with Police Unit, Bangalore City under lost report No.2058356/2026. Public are informed that the finder/s of the above document/s, are requested to hand over the same to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days hereof and they will be suitably rewarded. General Public are also warned to not enter into any transactions based on the above missing documents and any such transactions will not be binding on my clients;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire residential property bearing Municipal No.240/Y (earlier BDA No.240/Y), situated at Second Main Road, Fourth Phase, Seventh Block, Third Stage, Banashankari, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bangalore West Nagara Palike, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No.165-Ganeshmandir (old ward No.56) PID No:56-194-240/Y, EPID No.1423918688 & bounded on the:

East by : Road;
West by : Property bearing BDA No.265/Y;
North by : Property bearing BDA No.241/Y;
South by : Property bearing BDA No.239/Y;
MEASURING : East to West: 41 ft.;
North to South: 30 ft.;
In all admeasuring 1,230 sq.ft.;

PANDU RANGAIAH, ADVOCATE
No.85, Third Floor, Third Main, Sarvabounamagar, Chikkallasandra
BANGALORE – 560 061 PH: 9620500411
Date: 16-02-2026

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Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank,** will be sold on **05.03.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM) "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is",** for recovery of **Rs. 3,95,72,860.76/- (Rupees Three Crore Ninety-Five Lakhs Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty and Seventy-Six Paisa only) as on 11.02.2026 with further interest and cost thereon** due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Shri H J Rajesh Gowda** S/o Javare Gowda , Muncipal No. 14 (old No. 1778) , P.I.D No.34-56-14, 9th Cross Road, 6th Main Road, RPC Layout (hampinagar), Vijay Nagar 2nd Stage, B.B.M.P. Ward No 133 Bengaluru 560040. **(2) Smt Mangala C** W/o Shri.Rajesh Gowada , Muncipal No. 14 (old No. 1778) , P.I.D No 34-56-14, 9th Cross Road, 6th Main Road, RPC Layout (Hampinagar), Vijay Nagar 2nd Stage, B.B.M.P. Ward No 133 , Bengaluru 560040. **(3) Shri. Kangannhalli Bettiah Ramesh** S/o Bettaiah, R/t 1123/17 7th Main , 10th D Cross, West Of Chord Road, Mahalaxmipuram, Bengaluru-560086.
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **04.03.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value	Inspection date & time
1	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing number 1778, situated at railway pipe line scheme , Bangalore now comes under administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward no 34-RPC Layout , New Muncipal Number 14, 9th Cross Road, Hampinagara Bengaluru with PID Number 34-56-14 Measuring East to West 60 Feet, North to south : 40 FEET Totally 2400 sq feet and bounded on: East: Road, West: Site Number 1763, North: Site Number 1779, South: Site Number 1777.	506.00	50.60	1.00	25.02.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 9483544116, 9966397756 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 12.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05.03.2026 - 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM, for recovery of Rs. 93,18,986.14/- as on 11.02.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Sri Atiq Ahmed** S/o Rafeeq Ahmed, # 7/1, 1st Main, 1st Cross New Gurappana Palya, Bangaluru south-560029. **(2) Sri/Smt. Bharathi R** D/o Ramaraju N, 175, Vijay Classic, 3rd Cross, Bhoopasandra Central Excise Layout, Bengaluru-560094.
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **04.03.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	**Under Construction SCHEDULE "A" Property :** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing E-Khata No. 150200103000520052 PID No. 39/68/3/139/5/7, previously Sy No. 68/3, New Sy No. 139/5, measuring 1 Acre situated at Goolimangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District 4046.86 sq.mtrs. (1 acre) and bounded on the: East: Private Property, West: Private Property, North: Private Property, South: Road **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY :** Residential Flat No. B 009 'B' Block in the Ground Floor of the apartment building constructed and named as 'NA Central Heights' bearing E-Khata No. 150200103000520099, of the respective flat, measuring super built-up area of about 910 sq.ft consisting of 2BHK, with proportionate undivided right in the common area and 1 covered car parking area in the basement area of the share 328.00 sq.ft of undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property. The apartment having vitrified tile flooring, wooden doors.	₹. 42.30	₹. 4.23	₹. 1.00
	TOTAL	₹. 42.30	₹. 4.23	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 9966397756 and 9483544116 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 12.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE LXII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

F.D.P. No. 175/2025
O.S. No. 9541/2004

Petitioner : K. Oosman Khan Since deceased, by LRs. Smt. Noorunnisa and 3 others, All are R/at No. U-57, 8th Main, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-560026.

AND

Respondents : T. Sadik Khuresh & others

Respondents (6) to (11)

T. Muneer Ahmed, since deceased by LRs.

6) Sri. Meber Nizar, S/o Late. T. Muneer Ahmed Aged about 48 years, **7) Sri. Subel Ahmed Khureshi** S/o Late. T. Muneer Ahmed, Aged about 44 years, **8) Sri. Nasir Husena,** S/o Late. T. Muneer Ahmed, Aged about 42 years, **9) Smt. Reshma,** D/o Late. T. Muneer Ahmed, Aged about 39 years, **10) Sri. Marisoor Hussain Qureshi** S/o Late. T. Muneer Ahmed, Aged about 44 years, **11) Smt. Shaheeda Begum** W/o Mohammed Anwar Ahmed, Aged about 63 years, All of them residing in a portion of Premises bearing No.55, "B" Street, Corsebaripalya, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560001.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS (6) TO (11)

Take notice that the Petitioners have initiated the above F.D. proceedings pursuant to the Judgment and Decree dt. 26-11-2024 passed by this court in O.S. No. 9541/2004, in which case, you were Defendants No. 1(a) to 1(c) and Defendant No. 2.

The court notice sent to you in the above proceedings having been returned back un-served with shara as "No Such person in the said address", you are now being notified through this Paper publication.

Please note that the above case is now posted **9-3-2026 at 11.00 AM** on which day, you are called upon to be present before this court either in person or through Counsel representing you, failing which, the case will be proceeded with, by placing you ex-parte.

SCHEDULE "A"

All that piece and parcel of the property situated at Badrayanagudde, Kempapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now new No. U-42/42, 9th Main, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-560026, measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South about 80 feet in which A.C.C. sheet house and Mangalore tiled house exists with power supply to the plaintiff portion and bounded on :- **East by :** Private house belongs to Rajamma and Jambu Keshava Mudaliar, **West by :** Property belongs to Fakruddin, **North by :** 9th Main Road, **South by :** 5th Feet conservation passage.

SCHEDULE "B"

A Portion of House property bearing No. U-42-New, No.42, 9th Main, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-560 026, out of which settled to plaintiff by her mother Smt. Bi Jaan Bi measuring East to West 12½ feet and North to South 26½ feet with power supply bounded as follows:- **East by :** 10 Feet common passage, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Portion belongs to Jameel Ahmed, **South by :** Portion allotted to Shahed Begum.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 7th Day of February, 2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioners
A.B. Harkunikar, B.Com. LL.B, Advocate
No. 135, Rangaswamy Temple Street, Bengaluru - 560 053.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client/s is/are intending to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule herein below from **MR. MANJUNATH .N,** S/o Mr. Narayanaswamy, aged about 41 years, Residing at No.37, 13th Cross, 7th Main, Srinidhi Layout, Konanakunte, Bangalore – 560062, Aadhar No.4714-0382-8058, PAN No.ARIPM0910G, as he claim that he is the absolute owner in possession of the Schedule Property, and the same is free from all encumbrances, charges, claims, or demands of whatsoever nature.

Any person/s having any type of objections to the said transaction may lodge their objection/s supported by cogent documents with the undersigned within **SEVEN (07) DAYS** from the date of this publication. If no objection/s is/are raised within the said period, my client would go ahead with the sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Property below mentioned deeming there is/are no objection/s from whomsoever and of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable vacant residential property bearing **Plot bearing No.23, PID No.150200300100326500, Khata No.411/23,** measuring **East to West:** 15.24 Mtr. (50 Ft), **North to South:** 9.14 Mtr. (30 Ft), **totally measuring** to an extent of **139.29 Square Meters OR 1500 Square Feet,** formed in the residential layout known as **"Madhura Lotus"** which is developed on the residentially Converted properties bearing (i) Survey No.47/2 admeasuring 1 Acre 15 Guntas, (ii) Survey No.47/3 admeasuring 1 Acre 14 Guntas, (iii) Survey No.48/2 admeasuring 1 Acre, (iv) Survey No.48/3 admeasuring 1 Acre 3 Guntas and (v) Survey No.48/4 admeasuring 1 Acre 3 Guntas, **totally admeasuring 5 Acres 35 Guntas,** all situated at **Kaggalipura Village,** Uttarahalli 2 Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, (*subject site is carved out of converted Survey No.48/3 & 48/2 which is forming part and parcel of the Schedule 'A' Property*) and the Layout Plan is duly approved by the Greater Bengaluru Development Authority vide Approval order dated 28/04/2025 bearing No.GBDA/KPA/LAO/73/2021-22, presently coming under the jurisdiction of Kaggalipura Gram Panchayat and bounded on the East by: 9 Meter Road; West by: Plot No.28; North by: Plot No.24; and South by: Plot No.22.

MS. KUSUMA .R, Advocate
Swaroop Associates,
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Dated: 17/02/2025

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

KARNATAKA/SOUTH

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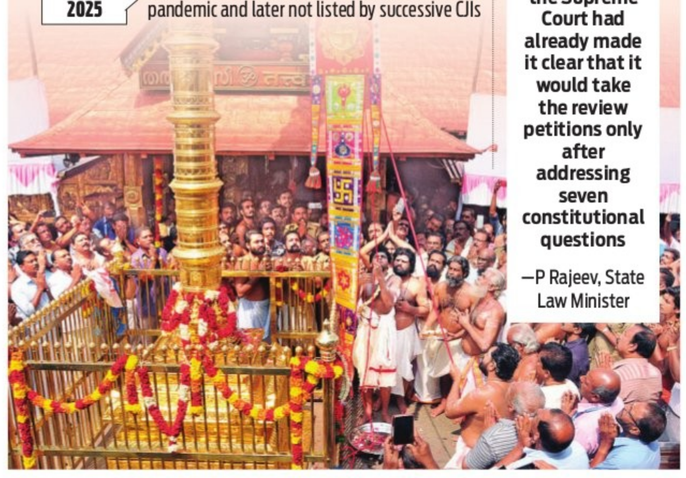
After the nudge by the Orissa High Court, the state government is set to begin the long-pending inventory and verification of ornaments and precious stones stored in the Ratna Bhandar, the treasury of the Jagannath temple, Puri, soon

Kerala: Decision on Sabari will be based on discussion

Government is here to protect the faith of believers, says law min

YEAR-BY YEAR TIMELINE

SEPT, 2018	5-judge bench (4:1 majority) lifts ban	Women aged 10–50 allowed entry	Court says old practice is unconstitutional
NOVE 14, 2019	5-judge bench led by Ranjan Gogoi	Refers women's entry issue to larger bench	Raises broader religious freedom questions
MAY 11, 2020	Court says 5-judge bench can refer legal questions to larger bench during review		
2021–2025	Case not heard for years. Delay due to Covid-19 pandemic and later not listed by successive CJIs		



> the Supreme Court had already made it clear that it would take the review petitions only after addressing seven constitutional questions
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> —P Rajeev, State Law Minister

AGENCIES @T'puram

THE ruling Left in Kerala on Monday said the Sabarimala women entry issue is a matter involving several constitutional complications, and so the state government would take an appropriate stand through discussions.

Clarifying the government's stand, State Law Minister P Rajeev said the Supreme Court had already made it clear that it would take the review petitions only after addressing seven constitutional questions.

So, the state government has enough time to inform its stand, he said, adding that it is not the time to say a "yes or no" in the matter. He, however, said the government is here to protect the faith of believers and it would stand by them cutting across belief. He said the state government, in its earlier affidavit, suggested constituting a commission having deep knowledge of Hindu beliefs to study the women's entry issue, but the apex court didn't consider it.

"We will present a good stand before the Supreme Court after examining the constitutional aspects," he said, adding that a stand would be taken after examining all aspects in detail.

Women of menstrual age should not enter temple: NSS, SNDP

Kottayam: KERALA'S two major Hindu caste outfits— the Nair Service Society (NSS) and the Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana (SNDP) Yogam -- on Monday reiterated that women of menstruating age should not be allowed entry into the Sabarimala temple, as the Supreme Court considered review petitions in the matter. Speaking to TNIE, G Sukumaran Nair, general secretary of NSS, expressed hope that the government would support the devotees regarding the women's entry in Sabarimala. He urged the government not to support any initiatives in the Supreme Court that would permit women of all age groups to access the temple. Nair emphasised that the issue should remain separate from upcoming elections or political considerations, asserting that the organisation is committed to safeguarding faith and tradition. "The state government has not given any firm assurance regarding women's entry into Sabarimala. However, it is understood that the existing traditional practice will continue for now. As the status quo in rituals has been maintained for the past five to six years, the NSS remains hopeful about the state government's approach," he said. Meanwhile, SNDP general secretary Vellapally Natesan said the organisation earlier expressed disappointment over the Supreme Court judgment allowing women of all ages to enter the temple, which is now under review. SNDP Yogam general secretary Vellapally Natesan said that Kerala government should take a stand considering the sentiments of devotees regarding the entry in the temple. (With inputs from Agencies)

BREAKING THE STIGMA

Raise awareness, destigmatise suicide to help prevent incidents, says expert

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

Suicide can be prevented

Every year, **7,27,000** people take their own life and there are many more people who make suicide attempts.

Suicide occurs throughout the lifespan and was the third leading cause of death among 15–29-year-olds globally in 2021.

RAISING awareness and destigmatising suicide are significant steps towards suicide prevention. Stigma that surrounds suicide often prevents vulnerable people from seeking timely help.

"There are numerous myths and misconceptions around suicide that form the basis of stigma. For instance, contemplating suicide is a sign of weakness. To a person, who is experiencing suicidal thoughts this comment, albeit made with good intention by someone he has confided in, may make him withdraw from seeking help he was hoping to receive. People, who contemplate suicide are constantly battling between living and ending life, which means that they don't wish to end their life. When someone speaks about ending life by suicide or displays a change in behavioural patterns, one should take note. Listen to him without being judgemental. Make him feel heard. He doesn't want to hear others' examples or platitudes," said Prof & Head, Emergency Psychiatry, Acute Care Services & Gatekeeper Training in Suicide Prevention, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), V Senthil Reddi.

"An alert and empathetic person can be a gatekeeper and encourage the person to talk him out of it. It needs further resource help and follow-up by medical professionals and caregivers," he added.

"People with suicidal thoughts give out enough warning signals. They may speak about it or display some changes in behaviour, like withdrawing from friends and family, changing eating habits, showing lack of interest in daily chores, hygiene, displaying anger, irritability, missing work etc. These are actually cries of help and telltale signs. For lack of knowledge and awareness, people tend to dismiss these symptoms," added Reddi.

"It is okay to ask if the person is contemplating suicide and for how long has he been with the thought. It helps them to feel comfortable to open up and talk about it. You can then gently refer him to professional medical resources. Telemanas is an excellent national online resource - 14416 - initiated by the central government and maintained by Nimhans," added Reddi.

Saketh Sreenivasaiah, the 22-year-old Indian student who went missing in the United States on February 9, was found dead by the local police. His body was pulled from Lake Anza in California last weekend.

His roommate Baneet Singh claimed that in the two weeks before he disappeared on February 9, Sreenivasaiah had been eating less and had become more withdrawn. On one occasion, when he wore a red robe to his class, Singh asked him and the former said that he had stopped caring about anything or what anyone thinks of him. In retrospect, Singh felt that these were indicative of Sreenivasaiah's mental health.

₹400 cr case takes dramatic turn as Maha SIT denies it ever happened

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

THE sensational Rs 400-crore robbery allegedly reported along the Karnataka–Goa border has taken a dramatic turn, with investigators now suspecting that the crime may never have occurred.

A SIT constituted by the Maharashtra Government to probe the complaint has reportedly concluded that there is no evidence of any robbery near Chorla Ghat in Khanapur. After nearly a month-long investigation, the SIT is understood to have submitted a report stating that no incident of looting took place at the location.

The probe revealed serious discrepancies in the statement of complainant Sandeep Dutta Patil, including contradictions in the location, timing, travel route, and call records. Based on these findings, the SIT has clarified that no robbery occurred at Chorla Ghat. In view of the lack of evidence, those who were arrested in connection with the case are likely to be released by the court. The case had triggered widespread outrage across both Karnataka and Maharashtra, given the staggering amount allegedly involved. Sources further indicated that the Nashik Police are preparing to initiate legal action against Patil for allegedly filing a false complaint.

However, in a fresh twist, Patil has written to the Belagavi Superintendent of Police, urging the registration of an FIR and a fair probe. He alleged that the Maharashtra SIT did not conduct a transparent investigation and claimed to possess audio recordings related to the case. He has demanded a reinvestigation based on this material.

The controversy erupted after Nashik-based businessman Sandeep Dutta Patil lodged a complaint with Maharashtra police, claiming that on October 25, 2025, nearly Rs 400 crore in cash being transported in two containers was looted near Chorla Ghat in Belagavi district.

He alleged that the cash belonged to Gujarat-based builder Kishor Savla Seth and included demonetised Rs 2,000 denomination notes.

Farmers at their land at Bettahalasur near Yelahanka in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

What will we feed our future gen, asks farmer

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

SANATH Kumar said farmers here had already given up land for widening the road from Nelamangala to Yelahanka and also about 90 acres to a defence organisation in 1968 and 1970.

"Then, many were scared that if the land was not given, they might be arrested and shot. Even now, the title documents are in the names of farmers. We have to mobilise more farmers and seek government intervention to not only save the existing agricultural land, but also reclaim land from the defence area in Thimmasandra," he added.

Farmers like TD Ambareesh, Jeerge Babu, Sumithra, and others said that around 250 farmers in the area are dependent on agriculture, and they have been engaged in agriculture and allied activities for ages. If land is taken away, their right to livelihood will be impacted, they added.

"What will we feed our future generations? Can we give them a computer and a railway track if they feel hungry? The government is trying to take away land by giving compensation to facilitate people coming from outside and settling in Bengaluru," said Jeerge Babu from Hunasemaranahalli. The railway line is being built to take goods vehicles from Bengaluru to Chennai via Kolar and Bangarpet as this will avoid congestion and delay of passenger trains, he added.

The farmers met Minister of State for Railways V Somanna to seek his intervention. They also held a meeting with Revenue Department Assistant Commissioner Dr Kiran and filed objections over the notification. The Revenue Department is said to have communicated it to the Railway Department.

A senior official from the Railway Department said the proposal was initiated in 2024, and a gazette notification has also been issued. "We cannot go back on the project. The only thing farmers can do now is take compensation," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Karnataka State Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited (KSMCA) Chairman and MLA Satish Krishna Sail greets B Anand who took charge as managing director of KSMCA

CBSE exams for class 10 and 12 begin today

Bengaluru: CBSE class 10 and 12 phase 1 exams begin in Karnataka from February 17. Exams will begin at 10.30 am and will conclude at 1.30 pm with the first exam being Math standard and Math basics. 93,000 students will be appearing for class 10 exams and more than 21,000 students will be appearing for class 12 exams. **ENS**

School bus rams tree in Hassan, 40 kids hurt

Hassan: At least 40 schoolchildren had a narrow escape with minor injuries after the school bus in which they were travelling hit a roadside tree near Makkanahalli of Holenarasipur on Monday. The injured have shifted to taluk hospital for treatment and all are out of danger. The accident occurred when the driver of the bus lost control over the vehicle while negotiating a curve and hit the tree. Holenarasipur police visited the spot.

Two men drown in Bhadra river in Kalasa

Kalasa: Two young men drowned in the Bhadra River, at Balehole, Kalasa taluk on Saturday. The duo ventured to swim in the Bhadra River near Balehole and subsequently went missing. The police and fire emergency services recovered their bodies on Sunday. The duo were Abhishek and Yogish were from Kodagu.

Kerala MLA Rahul appears before SIT

T'puram: Expelled Congress MLA Rahul Mamkootathil appeared before a SIT probing alleged sexual assault cases against him here on Monday, police said. Mamkootathil is being interrogated by the SIT in the first sexual assault case in which he allegedly raped a woman and later forced her to terminate the pregnancy, officials said. **ENS**

Trisha slams 'distasteful' remark by TN BJP chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

ACTOR **Trisha Krishnan** expressed shock and disappointment over the "distasteful and inappropriate" remark made about her by state BJP president Nainar Nagenthran while attacking actor and TVK president Vijay, and said her name should not be dragged into matter that don't concern her.

In a statement, dated February 15 and issued through her advocate, Trisha said she never expected such a remark from a person holding a high position in the political space. Trisha stressed that she is not affiliated with any political party and has consistently maintained a neutral stand on politics.

Stating that she wished to be known only for her work, the actor said personal lives should never become the subject of public commentary and that those in positions of authority must exercise responsibility and equanimity in public discourse. She requested that her name not be drawn into matters that do not concern her.

The controversy erupted after Nagenthran, responding to Vijay's speech in Salem on Friday, made a remark implying a personal relationship between Vijay and Trisha. The comment drew widespread criticism from leaders, especially women leaders, cutting across parties.

Nainar expresses regret, says it was a slip of tongue

Tirunelveli: Facing backlash for his remarks linking actor Trisha with TVK chief Vijay, Tamil Nadu BJP president Nainar Nagenthran on Monday expressed "heartfelt regret" over his comments and said what he spoke that day was "a slip of tongue". "In my political career, I have neither allowed personal attacks on my life nor attacked anyone personally," he told reporters in Tirunelveli. Nagenthran said his choice of words was inappropriate and conveyed his sincere regret if anyone had been hurt by the remarks. He added that BJP Mahila Morcha president Vanathi Srinivasan and former state president K Annamalai had spoken to him about the matter. **ENS**

AGRI INNOVATION

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu with former Microsoft CEO Bill Gates during a demonstration of drones used in farming, near Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, on Monday | PTI

At 2.58 crore, tourist arrivals hit new peak in Kerala in 2025

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kozhikode

KERALA'S tourism has hit a new high, with the highest-ever footfall recorded in 2025. Over 2.58 crore tourists -- foreign and domestic -- visited the state last year, recording an increase of over 12.5% compared to 2024.

"The state has entered a phase of consecutive record-breaking growth in tourist arrivals," Tourism Minister P A Mohamed Riyas said on Monday. According to official figures, a total of 2,58,80,365 tourists visited the state last year, surpassing the record set in 2024 when the footfall was 2,29,85,363. The most significant growth was recorded in domestic tourist arrivals. In 2025, Kerala welcomed 2,50,58,366 domestic tourists, up from 2,22,46,989 the previous year — marking a 12.6% year-on-year increase. Compared to pre-Covid levels, domestic tourist arrivals have surged by 36.3%. The minister said this is an indication of a strong recovery and renewed interest in Kerala as a preferred travel destination.

Among the districts, Idukki emerged as the top choice of domestic tourists, receiving 46,79,800 visitors in 2025. This was followed by Ernakulam (44,29,899), Thiruvananthapuram (43,75,846), Thrissur (31,24,696), Wayanad (14,73,710) and Kozhikode (14,69,253).

While tourists from across India have contributed significantly to this growth, the major source states include Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Telangana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

Riyas said foreign tourist arrivals are steadily approaching pre-pandemic levels, noting that global geopolitical tensions and war-like situations in several regions have affected international travel.

Last year, Kerala received 8,21,999 foreign tourists -- a 11.3% increase over the previous year. The majority of international visitors came from the UK, the US, Germany, France, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and the Maldives. Ernakulam district led in foreign tourist arrivals, followed by Thiruvananthapuram, Idukki, Alappuzha, and Kottayam.

The minister attributed the sustained growth to Kerala Tourism's planned and strategic interventions. "The renovation and modernisation of government rest houses have significantly improved accommodation standards, with a large proportion of occupants now being tourists," Riyas told reporters. Northern Kerala has witnessed notable progress, with districts witnessing expanded hospitality infrastructure, including new five-star hotels and enhanced lodging facilities. Major improvements in road connectivity have also boosted accessibility, he said.

"Districts that previously lagged in tourism numbers, such as Wayanad, Kozhikode and Thrissur have experienced marked growth following these interventions," he said. "With these developments, Kerala is steadily transforming into a full-fledged tourism state," Riyas said, expressing confidence that the state's tourism sector will continue its upward trajectory in the coming years.

RANI CHANNAMMA UNIVERSITY

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Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan
E-mail: registrar@rcub.ac.in, **Phone No.:** 0831-2565242
Office of the Registrar

Ref: RCUB/RO/2025-26/6130 **Date:16.02.2026**

-: Tender Notification (Through KPPP Portal):-

Rani Channamma University, Belagavi invites following e-tenders for the procurement of equipment from eligible bidders under standard tender document as per KTPP norms.

S.N.	Tender Name	EMD	Last Date
1.	Supply Installation And Commissioning of Workstation Personal Computers And Establishment of Language Lab In Rani Channamma University, Belagavi Under PM-UShA MERU Scheme **(Short Term Tender RCUB/2025-26/IND0029**]	Rs.3,04,000/-	02.03.2026, 05.00 P.M
2.	Supply Installation And Commissioning of Camarero Workstation And Establishment of Advanced AI - Lab In Rani Channamma University, Belagavi Under PM-UShA MERU Scheme. (**Tender RCUB/2025-26/IND0030**]	Rs.1,24,000/-	02.03.2026, 05.00 P.M

Bidders are required to submit their tenders through the KPPP Portal at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details like any date extension, Addendum will be updated in said portal and the University website **www.rcub.ac.in** or contact the Estate Office, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi.

Sd/-
Registrar
Rani Channamma University, Belagavi

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruct of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **04.07.2025** calling upon the Borrower/Co- Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor **(1) Mrs. Manjula M** W/o Muniramaswamy B **(2) Mr. Muniramaswamy B** S/o Late Byrappa **(3) Mr.Suresh M** S/o Muniramaswamy B **(4) Mr.Kumar M** S/o Muniramaswamy B. **All Are Residing At** No.16 & 17, Daiva Krupa Nilaya, Chikkalasandra, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560061., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,21,76,405/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty One lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Four hundred and Five Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Said Borrowers of the property failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said rules on this **11th day of February 2026.**

The Borrowers of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd, Malleswaram Branch** for the amount of **Rs.1,13,61,233/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakh Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Three Only) as on **31.01.2026** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing No.84/109, Chikkalasandra Village, Khatha No.109, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Khatha No.104/110/84/109 Including All Rights, Privileges And Appurtenances Thereto, Constructed On The Site Measuring: East To West: 40 Feet, North To South: 72 Feet, Total Area 2880 Sq.Ft., And Bounded On East By Others Property West By Patel Marappa's Property North By Others Property South By 12x42 Feet Passage Leads To South Side Road.

Date : 11.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that our client **Sri Hemanth B.P., S/o Paramesh B.V., aged about 36 years,** residing at No. 382, 19th Main, 1st Block, Near Canara Bank, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru 560010, intends to purchase the Schedule Property described hereunder from the following owner **Smt. Mangalagowramma, W/o Muniraju, aged about 58 years,** residing at No.63, Keshvarao Layout, Behind Panchayath Office, Samethanahalli, Bengaluru Rural District Any person(s), banks, financial institutions, government authorities, or any other entity having any right, title, interest, claim, lien, charge, mortgage, tenancy, lease, inheritance, easement, or otherwise howsoever in respect of the Schedule Property described below shall intimate the undersigned in writing, together with documentary proof, within **7 (seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it shall be presumed that there are no claims or objections, and the transaction shall be completed without reference to any such claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Survey No.120/1D, measuring 1 Acre 12 Guntas, situated at Tadasigatta Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and bounded on:
East by : Land belonging to Narasimhamurthy
West by : Land belonging to Papanna
North by : Road
South by: Land belonging to Gangahanumaakka

CHANDRASHEKARA Advocate
Justice Law Firm.
No.410, 1st Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road,
6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru -560 010.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notify to the Public that, my client Smt. Pallavi Deepak, aged about 54 years W/o. Late Deepak Krishnamurthy, residing at Flat No D-1502, Nitesh Cesars Palace, Vajarahalli, Kankapura Road, Bangalore 560062. (Aadhar No: 378448802836) has reported that, **Sale deed dated 11-09-2003, document No.15287/2003-04 in Book 1, and stored in CD No.140, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore,** which is standing in the name of Shri. P R Krishna Murthy and his wife Smt. Latha Krishnamurthy, executed by Mr. DINESH D RANKA (Land owner) and M/s.LARSEN & TOUBRO LIMITED has been misplaced/lost. That my client has noticed the same very recently. Further my client states that, said original sale deed mentioned above has not been mortgaged to any Bank, Finance Institution, Housing Finance Company or any other private money lender, etc., in any manner, whatsoever and no charge has been created on it.

That General Public is hereby informed that any person/s is/are holding the custody of the above said document is requested to deliver the same either to the undersigned or to my client within 15 days from the date of this notice and the finder shall be appropriately rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel, Apartment bearing No.B5-1905, Khata No.478/B5/1905, e-Asthi PID No.3245606281 issued by Ward No.195 (Konanakunte), BBMP, situated on 19th Floor of Block No.B5, in the SOUTH CITY, Survey Nos.91, 92 (part), 93 (part), 94, 95, 90/1 and 96/1 situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore and measuring 987.0 Sq. Ft. of Saleable area (super built-up area) with all common areas along with one covered car parking space No. 109, along Undivided Share of land being 0.0216% of the total extent in the Schedule 'A' Property, equivalent to 29.8 Sq.Mtr., or (320.775 Sq.Ft).

G.V.RAVI
Advocate and Consultant,
RAVI LAW ASSOCIATES
NO. 15/1, 3rd Cross, Sampige Road,
Mallesgwaram, BANGALROE- 560 003.
PH: 94488 49150 Date: 14.02.2026

E-Tender Notice

Sl. No.	Item	e-Tender ID	Last date of submitting bids	Bid opening date
1	Ground spraying work at Kulathupuzha estate in 1056.21 ha.area	**2026_RPL_833950_1**	24.02.2026, 5 PM	27.02.2026, 11 AM
2	Supply of 3000 nos of once used reconditioned empty barrels	**2026_RPL_832983_1**	23.02.2026, 5 PM	26.02.2026, 11 AM

For more details visit: **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in/www.rplkerala.gov.in**

RPL/S/78/2025-26 dtd 07.02.2026 Sd/-, Managing Director
D3/155/2026/I&PRD

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DEMAND NOTICE U/s 13(2)

All the credit facility availed by you in year 2023 now stand transferred to Aditya Birla Capital Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'ABCL") and hence, this notice is being issued to you by ABCL. You the below mentioned borrower has availed loan by mortgaging the schedule mentioned property and you the below mention has stood as borrower/co-borrower guarantor/mortgagors for the loan agreement. Consequent to the defaults committed by you, your loan account have been classified as non-performing assets on **13.01.2026** under the provisions of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (in short SARFAESI Act). We Aditya Birla Capital Limited had issued Demand Notice u/s 13(2) read with Security 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act to the address furnished by you. The contents of the said notices are that you had committed default in payment of the loan Granted to you. Therefore, the present publication carried out to serve the notice as the provision of Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act and in terms of provision to the rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Loan Account No. & Name and Address of Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s),Loan Account No.- ABBANTL_000000766851
1. M/s. LAKSHMI SAI PRAVISION STORE. Represented by its Proprietor **Mrs. Srilatha Burramsetty,** Shop No. 05, Nirmala Building, Opp Sri Sai Hospital Guest Line Bus Stop, Yadavanahalli Village Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107. **Also at,** 1005/91, 1st Floor Ishwaraya Layout Yadavanahalli Village, Bangalore-562107.... **(Borrower) 2. Mrs. SRILATHA BURRAMSETTY,** Shop No. 05, Nirmala Building, Opp Sri Sai Hospital Gust Line Bus Stop, Yadavanahalli Village Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107. **Also at,** 1005/91, 1st Floor Ishwaraya Layout Yadavanahalli Village Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107. ...... **(Co -Borrower /Mortgagor), 3. Mr. KOTESWARA RAO B.** Shop No. 05, Nirmala Building, Opp Sri Sai Hospital Gust Line Bus Stop, Yadavanahalli Village Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107. **Also at,** 1005/91, 1st Floor Ishwaraya Layout Yadavanahalli Village Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107......... **(Co –Borrower)**

Date of Demand Notice: 29.01.2026

Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs 58,97,966.58/- (Rupees Fifty-Eight Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six and Paise Fifty-Eight Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 23.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.91, formed in Survey No.61, Property No.1005/91, E.Swathu Property ID No. 150200101500101190, old Property No.91, Janjar No. 1005 Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 sq., feet, together with RCC roofed House, situated at Yadavanahalli Village, Attibele Hobil, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, and bounded on: East By : Plot No.83, West By : Vacant Land, North By : Plot No.92, South By : 30 feet Road

Place: Bangalore **For Aditya Birla Capital Limited**
Date: 16-02-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Deepak C & Rochas Berlin/ Flat No.A 204, 2nd Floor Block A S.No 25/1A Melpakkam V, Poonamallee Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Thiruvallur Thiruvallur- 602001/ LBCHE00002038887	Schedule 'A' All That Piece And Parcel of Land Measuring 95492 (Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred And Ninety Two) Square Feet Comprised In Survey Numbers 22/1B, 25/1A, 25/1B, 25/2 And 25/3 Situated At Melpakka Village, Poonamallee Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Situated Within The Sub Registration District of Kundrathur And Registration District Of Chennai South. Bounded On:- North By: Land In Survey NoS. 22/1A, 23, 24/3B1 & 24/3B2 South By : Land In Survey Nos. 26 & 27 East By: Land In Survey Nos. 83/2A1, 83/2A2, 83/1B1 & 83/1A West By : Land In Survey No. 22/2 & Kannapalayam Village Boundary Schedule 'B' (Property Hereby Agreed To Be Conveyed And Allotted) 240 (two Hundred And Forty) Square Feet of Undivided Share, Right And Interest of Land From And Out of Schedule 'A' Mentioned Property. Date of Symbolic Possession/ 12th February 2026	August 12, 2025 Rs. 11,01,131/-	Chennai

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: February 17, 2026 Sincerely Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore For ICICI Bank Ltd.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details :	Address of the Branch :
Name: Sri. Girish K, Chief Manager E-mail ID: support.shankarpuram@sbi.co.in Mobile No: 9483466295	HLC Shankrapuram, (064063) No. 13/1, 3rd Floor, Bull Temple Road, Opp. Sri Ramakrishna Mutt, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. e -mail Id: support.shankarpuram@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
E-Auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY on 30.03.2026
E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE Property (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8(6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Mortgagor, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, **State Bank of India, Bengaluru,** the actual Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **30-03-2026** for recovery of **Rs. 1,26,11,805/-** (One Crore Twenty Six Lakh Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Five only) as on 11.02.2025 and further interest at contractual rate with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the **Borrower : Mr. VINAY KUMAR R N. (A/c Nos. 42312018730/ 42346800977/ 42350334544/ 42357570223).**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under:

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Date, Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for receipt of EMD
1	Rs. 86,52,000/-	Rs. 8,65,200/-	Rs. 10,000/-	30.03.2026, 10:00 AM to 03.00 PM	on or before 30.03.2026 up to 9.30 a.m.

Description of the Immovable Property :
Tender No : SBI/HLC/SKP/2025-26/

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : (Larger Extent of Property) : All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Corporation No.23, measuring 48,128 sq.ft., having PID No.100-686-23, situated at D. Rajgopal Road, Geddalahalli, Sanjayanagar, Bangalore, **bounded on : East by :** Road, **West by :** Private property, **North by :** Property of Veerabadrappa, **South by :** Property of V. Sreenivas Raju.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Property hereby conveyed in favour of the PURCHASER) : 290.34 Sq. Ft of undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property along with residential Flat No. B-201 ('B' Block) situated on the Second Floor of the Building known as "HOYSALA INFANTRY TOWERS" with a super built-up area of 1012 Sq. Ft., built with Marble Flooring along with 1 (One) Covered Car park area.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002.

The Borrower/Mortgagor are hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, HLC, Shankarpuram, Bengaluru.** ie., **1) https://baanknet.com, 2) www.sbi.co.in**

Date and Time during which inspection of the immovable secured assets to be sold and intending bidders should satisfy themselves about the assets and their specification property may be visit **between 10 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** on any day before the auction with prior appointment. **For further details regarding inspection of properties contact Agent : Mr. Manohar V, Mob No: 7353931866.**

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

Date: 16.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **State Bank of India, HLC Shankarapuram, Bangalore**

pnb Housing Finance Limited — POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Ghar Ki Baat

Regd. Office:- 9th Floor, Antrakish Bhavan, 22, K G Marg, New Delhi-110001. Ph: 011-23357171, 23357172, 23705414, Web: www.pnbhousing.com;
Branch Address : No. 40, Jodh Tower 3rd Floor, 27th Cross,5th Main Road, Jayanagar 4th Block,Bangalore 560 011.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **PNB Housing Finance Ltd.** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & in compliance of Rule 8(1) of Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice/s on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/date of receipt of the said notice/s. The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account. The borrower/s in par- ticular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of **PNB Housing Finance Ltd.**, for the amount and interest thereon as per loan agreement. The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

S. No.	Branch	Loan A/c No(s)	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding	Date of Possession Taken	Description of the Property/ies mortgaged
1	Jaya Nagar	HOU/ BAN/ 0715/ 232237	Mr. Ravikumar Chandrasekhara Iyer and Mrs. Meghna Venkatesh Sundaram	08/10/ 2025	Rs. 1,07,94,147/- (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand One Hundred and Forty Seven Only) due as on 08-10-2025	11-02-2026 (Symbolic Possession)	"SCHEDULE – A PROPERTY""All that piece and parcel of converted lands bearing Sy. Nos. 57(P), 58(P), 56(P), 59(P) and 60 (P) all situated at Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Off Kanakapura Road, Bangalore South Taluk, admeasuring 19.6 Acres reduced by 20,128.016 (twenty thousand one hundred twenty eighty point zero one six) square meters relinquished to the Bangalore Development Authority and bounded on the: "East by : Sy.N0.56 (P), Sy.N0S7 (P), Sy. No. 58 (P) and Sy. No.60 (P);"West by : Private Land Bearing Sy.No.51;"North by : Private Land bearing Sy.No .49, Land belonging to City Engineering College " (Sy.No .47/3), Land belonging to Gokulam Apartments bearing Sy.No.47/2," Sy.No.39/1 , Sy.No.39/2: and"South by : Sy.No.60 (P) and Singapore Gardens Residential Layout (Sy.N0.61).""SCHEDULE – B PROPERTY""Residential Apartment Flat bearing No. F1002, on Tenth Floor, Wing/Tower F, of the Apartment building known as ""Mantri Serenity"" having a super built up area of 1290 Sq.ft., including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., along with one car parking space, together with undivided share of the land comprised in Building.
2	Jaya Nagar	HOU/ BAN/ 0717/ 408228	Mr. Mehar Sudheer Polisetty and Mrs. Dasari Naga Veena Poonam	08/10/ 2025	Rs. 48,43,024/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Forty Three Thousand and Twenty Four Only) due as on 08-10-2025	12-02-2026 (Symbolic Possession)	"SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY""All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted Land bearing in Sy.No.85/2 measuring 25 Guntas, duly converted, vide official memorandum No.ALN (Jigani) SR- 25/14-15 dt.06.02.2015, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District., situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded as hereunder:"East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 85/4;"West by : Hulimangala boundary;"North by : Road and"South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 85/3.""SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY""All that piece and parcel of undivided right, title and interest measuring 334.43 Sq.ft in the Schedule' A' Property.""SCHEDULE 'C' APARTMENT""Apartment No. G07 on Ground Floor measuring Super Built Area of 1055 Sq.ft., in the building being constructed on the Schedule-A- Property called 'SRI CHAKRA BLOSSOM' with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such PURCHASERS equally, including share of common area with one covered Car Parking Area in the Stilt floor, and bounded as hereunder:"East : Corridor "West: Corridor"North : Open to sky"South : Open to sky."
3	Maratha halli	0037674 0000170	Mr. Revansiddappa S.G @ Revansiddappa Guttedar and Mr. Mallikarjun Guttedar	04/11/ 2025	Rs. 14,12,867/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Twelve Thousand and Eight Hundred and Sixty Seven Only) due as on 04-11-2025	12-02-2026 (Physical Possession)	"All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing Site No. 223 E-katha No. 150200103200820209 in 'WESSEX' Layout in Sy Nos 19/2, 22/1, 22/2, 22/3, 24/1,24/2 and 26 situated at Kachanayakana Halli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and 95/2 96/1 (new Sy No. 96/7) 96/2 and 96/4 "situated at Kachanayakana Halli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, "Bangalore Urban District. And the layout approved by Anekal Yojana "Pradhikara, Anekal, vide final approval No. APA/LAO/95/2007-08, dated: 26/02/2014. Site No 223, carved out of Survey No.26 measuring East "49.5 Feet, West: 46.5 feet, North 40 Feet & South:40. feet, totally "measuring 1920 square feet, and bounded on:-"East by : 30 Feet Road"West by: Site No.222"North by : Site No.224"South by : Private Property."

Date:12.02.2026, Place:Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, PNB Housing Finance Limited**

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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 09.03.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive/ Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is" and "As is what is" basis on 09.03.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **08.03.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mrs. Kalavathi,** W/o Sathisha, **(2) Mr. Sathisha,** S/o Ramachandrappa, **Both are addressed at:** No.85, 5th Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Nayandahalli, Bengaluru – 560039 **Loan A/c No.: TL A/c No.9597001600007201**	**Rs.1,39,50,336.08 [Rupees One Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Six and Paise Eight Only)** **13.02.2026**	**28.12.2023** **Constructive**	All that part and parcel of the property bearing **Khata No.80, Property No.152900402001800133,** measuring **4800 Sq.ft** [East to West – 120 feet and North to South – 40 feet], with Residential Building constructed thereon, situated at Manchanayakanahalli Village and GP, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District, belonging to **Mrs.Kalavathi. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Road. **West :** Thoti Inam Land, **North :** Property of Rangaswamy (Earlier owned by Muttappa), **South :** Property of Ramachandrappa. **Location of the property: 12.834115N,77.416586E**	**Rs. 1,85,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Five Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 18,50,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**12.15 PM to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout A/c No: 9593500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000959**
2	**(1) Mr.Varun Kumar Madhura,** S/o Mr. Venkatdri Naidu, **(2) Mrs. Divya Varun,** W/o Mr. Varun Kumar Madhura, **Both are addresses at :** No.1068, 4th H Block, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Hosahalli, Near Kabbalamma Temple, Banashankari 6th Stgae, Bengaluru-560062 **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) PSTL A/c No. 0557001800041701 (2) PSTL A/c No. 0557001800039201**	**Total Rs.36,90,507.29 [Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Seven and Paise Twenty Nine Only]** **[(1) Rs. 15,24,839.11 27.01.2026** **(2) Rs. 21,65,668.18 06.02.2026]**	**22.09.2023** **Constructive**	All that part and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **BDA Site No.1068,** measuring East to West 9.00 meters and North to South 6.00 meters admeasuring 54.00 Sq. meters (581.00 Sq.ft) with building Constructed thereon with built up area measuring 1141.00 Sq.ft (Still+GF+FF+SF),Situated at Banashankari 6th Stage , 4th 'H' Block , Vrushabavathi Nagar Layout, Bangalore-560062 belonging to **Mr.Varun Kumar Madhura. Boundaries of property: East by :** Site No. 1079, **West by :** Road, **North by:** Site No.1067, **South by:** Site No.1069. **Property Location: 12.880611,77.533166**	**Rs. 59,59,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 5,95,900.00 (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only)**	**03.15 PM to 03.30 PM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru –Malleshwaram A/c No: 0553500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000055**
3	**(1) Mr. Venkatesh V,** S/o Mr. Vardaraj, **(2) Mrs. Kavitha Venkatesh N,** W/o Mr. Venkatesh V, **Both are R/at :** No.2518, 14th Main, 64th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560078, **Also at:-** Flat No. 009, GF, "SPRING SERENITY", Hennur Main Road, Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru-560043. **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) TL No. 9457001600006001 (2) TL No. 9457001600006801**	**Total Rs.98,49,494.00/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Four Only)** **[(1) Rs. 86,04,518.00 12.06.2023 + (2) Rs. 12,44,976.00 09.06.2023]**	**12.02.2025** **Physical**	All that piece and parcel of **Residential Flat bearing Flat No.009, 2 BHK,** in the **Ground Floor** of Apartment called as **"SPRING SERENITY",** measuring Super Built up area of **1300 Sq.ft.** along with one car parking in stilt floor with an undivided share of land measuring **493 Sq.ft.** out of land measuring **24079 Sq.ft.,** constructed on the property bearing **Municipal No.616/31/7,** situated at Hennur Village, Hennur Main Road, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560043. **belonging to Mr. Venkatesh.V and Mrs. Kavitha Venkatesh.V. Boundaries of Property : East by :** Remaining part of Survey No.31/7, **West by:** Hennur Main Road and Private Property, **North by:** Remaining part of Survey No.31/7, **South by:** Private Property. **Boundaries of Flat Property : East by** : Corridor & Open Area, **West by:** Open to Sky, **North by :** Open to Sky, **South by :** Flat No.008.	**Rs. 75,00,000.00 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 7,50,000.00 (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**03.45 PM to 04.00 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru - Kaggadasapura A/c No: 9453500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000945**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Auction Notice".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **09.03.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **08.03.2026**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD** (Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 13.02.2026 **Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer,**
Place: Bengaluru **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

PEGASUS ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE

Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgagor that the below described secured assets mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, being **Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of PEGASUS GROUP TWENTY EIGHT TRUST III (Pegasus),** having being assigned the dues of the below mentioned borrower along with underlying securities, interest by **S V C Bank Limited** vide Assignment Agreement dated 30/03/2017 under the provisions of SARFAESI Act,2002.

The Authorized officer of Pegasus has taken Physical Possession of the below mentioned mortgaged property on 03/12/2025 under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act and SARFAESI Rules. In view of the aforesaid the below mentioned mortgaged property will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 20/03/2026 for recovery of **Rs. 2,34,46,883.02 (Rupees Two Crores ,Thirty four Lakhs ,Fourty Six Thousand , Eight Hundred and Eighty three ,Two Paise Only) due as on 03/12/2025** together with further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 04/12/2025 till the date of payment and realization due to the Pegasus , from **Mr. M.Jayaram S/o Muthuswamy (Borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor)** The reserve price is as mentioned below.

Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor:	**Mr. M. Jayaram S/o Muthuswamy**
Outstanding Dues	**Rs 2,34,46,883.02** (Rupees Two Crores ,Thirty four Lakhs ,Fourty Six Thousand , Eight Hundred and Eighty three ,Two Paise Only) due as on **03/12/2025** due to Pegasus together with further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 04/12/2025 till the date of payment and realization.
Description of property	All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential House Property bearing Old No 79, Khata No 123/79 New Khata No 887/763/79 in Sy No 53 Converted vide conversion order ALN: SR: 68/20024-05, ALN:SR:68/20024-05 and ALN:SR:68/20024-0 dated 27.01.2005 issued by the Asst. Commissioner, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore ,Situated in a the layout called as "VINAYAKA REGENCY", in Sadenhalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, together with the building constructed thereon on the land admeasuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 30 feet totally admeasuring 2400 sq.ft and bounded as follows **East By:** Private Property **West By:** Road **North By:** Site No 78 **South By:** Site No 82 **Area: Land – 2400 sq.ft Building area– 2200 Sq ft**
Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold in Rs.	**Rs. 29,11,491.00**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in Rs.	**Rs. 2,91,149.10**
Bid Increment in Rs.	**Rs. 1,00,000.00**
Claims, if any, which have been put forward against the property and any other dues known to Secured creditor and value	**NA**
Inspection of Properties	**17/03/2026**
Contact Person and Phone No	**Sai Venkatesan - Mobile No: 9884624225** **Bhaskar - Mobile No 9902045750** **Shankar Balasubramanian - Mobile No: 8056178676** **Vivek Arayakat - Mobile No: 9962229588**
Last date for submission of Bid:	**19/03/2026 till 4:00 pm**
Time and Venue of Bid Opening	**E-Auction/Bidding through website (https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net) on 20/03/2026 from 11.00 am to 1:00 pm.**

This publication is 30 days' notice to the aforementioned Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor under Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002.

For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website i.e. **http://www.pegasus-arc.com/assets-to-auction.html** for detailed terms & conditions of e-auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidders may also visit the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net or contact service provider **M/s. E Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger, Bidder Support : 079-68136805/68136837, Mobile No: +91 926556282 & 9374519754, Email:vijay.shetty@auctiontiger.net,chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net @ support@auctiontiger.net.**

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Place: Bangalore **Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited**
Date: 17/02/2026 **(Trustee of Pegasus Group Twenty Eight Trust III}**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that we are investigating the right title and interest of **(i) Mr. K.S. Sudarshan,** son of Late Mr. Kasetty Srinivasulu [and his children **(ii) Ms. K.S. Shruthi, & (iii) Mr. K.S. Shreyas], (iv) Mr. K.S. Prasad,** son of Late Mr. Kasetty Srinivasulu [and his children **(v) Mr. K.P Shivashish & (vi) Ms. K.P. Kushi] and (vii) Mr. K.M. Srinivas,** son of Late Mr. K.S. Mohan, all residing at No. 1, 3rd Cross, Nehru Nagar, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560020 **("Owners")** over the below described **"Schedule Property"**. The Owners have entered into a registered Joint Development Agreement, and have also executed a registered General Power of Attorney in favor of **Legacy Global Projects Private Limited,** a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 having its registered office at 333, 2nd Floor, Nova Miller, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru –560052 **("Developer")** in respect of the Schedule Property. The Developer has represented that the Owners are the sole and absolute owners of the Schedule Property and that no other person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has any manner of right, title or interest thereon, save and except the Developer herein, and further the Developer is authorized to raise project finance **("Debt")** inter-alia by creating mortgage, hypothecation and charge on the Developer's entitlement to secure such Debt **("Transaction").**

Public are notified that any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) having any right, title, claim, interest or demand of any nature in or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof or any objection/s of any manner whatsoever to the Schedule Property or the Transaction are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand made together with supporting documents **within 14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the Owners have a clear, marketable title and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever, to the said Schedule Property and that no person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has any claim, right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever over the Schedule Property or any part thereof and our client will then proceed to complete their proposed Transaction with respect to the Schedule Property. Further, claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall thereafter not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Municipal No.78**, bearing **PID No.48-50-78**, and **EPID No. 1485269866**, **admeasuring 47,538.8 square feet situated in Ward No.48**, Mission Road, Bengaluru and bounded on its; **East by**: 30 feet – CKC Garden Road; **West by** : Private Property; **North by** : 80 feet - (Mission Road); and **South by** : Private Property.

N.K. Dilip / S. Raghu Nandana
Tatva Legal Bangalore, Advocates
4th Floor, Phoenix Pinnacle, No. 46, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru-560 042. Date: 17/02/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that, on behalf of our Client, we are investigating the right, title, and interest in relation to the property described in the Schedule below **("Schedule Property"),** which are owned by the persons specified in the Schedule below **("Owners").** The Owners have represented that they are the absolute owners of their respective properties and that they possess full and unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Any person, including individuals, corporate bodies, partnership firms, banks, financial institutions, other lenders, or government bodies having any right, title, interest, claim, benefit, demand, or encumbrance in the Schedule Property or any portion thereof, whether by way of sale, lease, joint development, mortgage, charge, lien, possession, assignment, attachment, exchange, gift or transfer in any manner, tenancy, license, inheritance, easement, succession, right of way, agreements, settlement, maintenance, decree or order of any Court of Law, or otherwise, is hereby called upon to submit their objections and/or claims in writing, along with documentary proof, to the undersigned at the address mentioned below within **fifteen (15) days** from the date of this notice.

If no such objection or claim is received within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that no person other than the Owners have any right, interest, or claim in respect of the Schedule Property. All rights, interests, and claims, if any, not notified as stated above shall be treated as waived and unenforceable, and the Owners' title to the Schedule Property shall be considered clear and marketable.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the following agricultural lands situated at **Kempathimanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk and Bengaluru Rural District** and bounded on the:

Sl. No.	Survey Nos.	Extent (Guntas)	Bounded by East	West	North	South	OWNERS
1.	39/8	29.04 G	Survey No. 39/7	Survey No. 39/9	Survey No. 38	Road	Jayamma, wife of K. C. Puttanna
							K. P. Umesh Babu, son of K. C. Puttanna
							K. P. Nataraj, son of K. C. Puttanna
2.	39/9	29.04 G	Survey No. 39/8	Survey No. 39/2	Survey No. 38	Road	K. B. Manjunath, son of Late. K. C. Basappa
							K. B. Suresh, son of Late. K. C. Basappa

Signed /- **Trust Law, Advocates & Solicitors**
No.29/11, 1st Floor, Udaya Sahakara Bhavana, Mount Joy Road,
1st Main Road, Bengaluru-560004 Phone No. 08029913089
Mobile No. +91 8050503089 / + 91 9538250911
Email Id: narayan@trustlaw.in

Bank of Baroda

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda (A Government of India Undertaking)

BASAVESHWARA NAGAR BRANCH

Address: No. 8/119, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony, Bangalore - 560079

Notice under Rule 6(2) and/or Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

To, (Addressed to Borrowers/Mortgagors/ Guarantors) **(1) Mr.B Shivakumar Gouda (Borrower)** S/o Mr. Veerabhadrappa Bhoomapuram, **(2) Mrs .Jyothi S (Co-borrower)** W/o Shivakumar Gouda, **Both are residing at :** No. 1442, Atreya Residency, Railway Parallel road, B Block Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092 and **also residing at :** Flat no 212, Second Floor, SSVR Fairy bells, Bytaranpura Village, Yelahanka, Hobli, Bangalore 560092, **(3) Mr. Shiva Prasad S (Guarantor),** No. 35, 11th cross, Manjunath Nagar, Muneshwara Block , Attur Layout, Near Swami Vivekanand School, Yelahanka, Bangalore 560064

Re: Notice under Rule 6(2) and/or Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002).

Ref:- 1. Demand Notice dated 03.10.2025 issued u/s 13 (2) of SARFAESI Act 2002.
2. Possession Notice dated 19.01.2026 issued u/s 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act 2002.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Whereas the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Branch Basaveshwaranagar address No. 18/119, 80ft Road, KHB Colony, Bangalore-560079** being Secured Creditor Bank in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 (hereinafter referred as "Act") read with Rules 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (hereinafter refereed as "Rules") issued demand notice dated **03.10.2025** calling upon you being Borrowers (s)/Mortgagor (s) / Guarantor (s) to repay the amount stated in the said demand notice within 60 days from receipt of said notice.

And whereas you have failed to repay the amount, the undersigned in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 4 and/or Rule 8 of the Rules have taken over the Possession of Secured Assets (hereinafter referred as the said properties) more particularly described herein below Schedule. [Copy of Possession Notice dated **19.01.2026** is attached herewith for ready reference]

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Bank as mentioned in above Possession Notice. Your attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Therefore you all are requested to pay the dues as mentioned in possession notice along with applicable interest, cost, charges & expenses within 30 days from receipt of this notice and redeem the secured asset as mentioned below. In case you fail to pay the above mentioned dues & redeem the secured asset within 30 days from receipt of this notice, Bank will be constrained to sell the secured asset through public e-Auction by publication of e-Auction Sale notice. The date, time of e-auction and Reserve Price of the property shall be informed to you separately.

Schedule of Secured Assets/Properties

Description of the Immovable Properties	Date of Possession	Type of Possession (Symbolic/ Physical)	Date of Publication of Possession Notice (For Immovable property only)
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No 83/2 measuring 1 acre (converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose vide the Special Deputy orders of the Commissioner vide BDS: ALN: Sr 9NA)378/04-05 situtaed at dated 17-01.2025 Byataranpura village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North (Additional) Taluk, Bangalore bounded on the: East: Srimati's Land, West: NTI Layout, North: NTI Layout, South: 30 Feet Road. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:** An undivided share of 552 Sq Ft in the Schedule A property proportionate to the sale area of the apartment. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY:** Apartment bearing No 212 in the 2nd Floor bearing BBMP Khata No 2986/83/2/36/SF-212 measuring 1200 sq Ft Super Built Up Area having Two Bedrooms with vitrified flooring, together with one car parking space in the apartment complex known as " SSVR FAIRY BELLS" constructed on the Schedule A property along with common rights in respect of common areas and amenities or there abouts.	19.01.2026	Symbolic	23.01.2026

Date : 16.02.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

MYSORE PAINTS & VARNISH LTD.,

(A Govt., of Karnataka Undertaking)
New Bannimantap Extension, MYSURU-570015, Karnataka.
Ph: 0821-2493831/ 2497469, website: www.mysorepaints.karnataka.gov.in
email: admin-mpvl@karnataka.gov.in
Ref. MPVL/2025-26/Admin/Manpower & Security Service/ Date: 16.02.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from the registered suppliers/Agencies through Karnataka Procurement Portal(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in_) for the following service. The details are as mentioned below:

Sl No.	Tender Notification Number	Tender Description	Tender Category	Last Date & Time for submission of Tender / Bids	Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening
01.	MPVL/2025-26/SE0020	Supply of Manpower service to MPVL.	Service	21.02.2026 @ 17.00hours	24.02.2026 @ 11.00 hours
02	MPVL/2025-26/SE0021	Supply of Security Service to MPVL.	Service	24.02.2026 @ 17.00hours	26.02.2026 @ 11.00 hours

Interested parties may visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for details and can contact the undersigned for any further clarifications/ information and request to participate in the tender.

For Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd.,
Sd/-
TIA/ Manager (Materials)

REQUEST FOR CREATING DATABANK/PROPOSAL FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS/COMPANIES/COOPERATIVES/ ASSOCIATIONS/ INDIVIDUALS

National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) is a non-statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and it works for the socio-economic development and welfare of Safai Karamcharis (manual scavengers, hazardous workers, sanitation workers, rag pickers etc). It's functions include advising governments, investigating complaints about the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, and monitoring implementation of this Act.

NCSK proposes to create comprehensive data bank/ data base relating to the following in order to seek their insight/support/brainstorming/ knowledge for formulation, implementation and impact assessment of policy/ schemes/programmes to ensure welfare and protection of the targeted group in accordance with the Mandate of the M.S. Act, 2013

- Subject Experts/Writers and Eminent Legal experts working in the field of sanitation/sanitation workers & waste management with their Bio data & past work details.
- Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)/Civil Society organization/ Foundations etc. working in field of manual scavenger, Sanitation & waste management.
- Manufacturers of shoulder mounted, vehicle mounted and handheld cleaning devices/equipment (Vacuum Cleaner, Water jet, Steam jet, suction pumps etc) and PPE Kit/safety device used during cleaning for improving the working & safety conditions of safai karamcharis.
- Organizations/ Companies working in field of sanitation, waste management and Sanitation workers
- Registered Unions and Associations of Safai Karamcharis working at District, State and National level with details of Registration, empanelment, Office bearer and work.
- Any Organization or Company or IT company or Foundation or Cooperative or legal entity etc. who would like to associate with NCSK and support its activities for creation of National Safai Karamchari portal and other resources (Training/ Employment/Mechanization/ Reskilling etc) for the benefit Safai Karamcharis (Manual Scavenger/. Hazardous worker/ Safai Karamcharis/ Rag picker etc) and their families. Proposal submitted will become the property of NCSK and NCSK may use the proposal in original and modified form without any further communication.

2. All concerned are requested to provide details in the following format via email on:
Email: randd.ncsk-mosje@gov.in

Name of organization/ Individual	(Incorporation/ Registration) details/ Qualification	Name & Address of the office, office Bearer and contact person	Mobile number	Email id

- Note: Subject Experts / Subject and Eminent Legal experts working in the field of sanitation/ sanitation workers & waste management are required to provide their Bio data & past work details.
- In respect of companies and corporate bodies date of incorporation of the body is required to be provided along with the work details and Annual Turnover.
- Manufacturers are required to provide the Product Catalogues and videos of its functioning/ effectiveness along with the Prices.
- Proposal should include benefits and financial implications

Contact Information:
Ankush Chugh
Assistant Director (R&D),
National Commission for Safai Karamcharis
Email: randd.ncsk-mosje@gov.in
Phone: 011-24648921
Website URL ncsk.nic.in

CBC 38120/11/0011/2526

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: **Sri Nagaraja.V**
Mobile No: 9448441455
Landline No. (Office): 080- 25943663
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH,
Building No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre,
OPP: Trustwell Hospital, J.C. Road, Bengaluru-560002.
Tel:080-25943663. Fax: 080- 25943664
Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

Appendix: IV-A [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgager that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **25.03.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 34,89,024.00 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Eighty Nine thousand and twenty four only)** as on 16.02.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the **Borrower Mrs. Reshma U Setha,** at Flat No. 301, 3rd Floor, Akshaj Spring Leaf, Kalkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore.

The reserve price, earnest money deposit, bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	EMD - Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Time & date of e Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs. 50,00,000/-	**Rs. 5,00,000/-**	**Rs.50,000/-**	**25.03.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM**	**24.03.2026 up to 5.30 PM**

SECURED INTEREST

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	Reserve Price (Rs.)
Tender No. **SBI/SARB/2025-26/199** Title deed holders: **Mrs. Reshma U Setha,** Flat No. 301,3rd Floor, Akshj Spring Leaf Apartment, Kalkere, Horamavu, Bengaluru Absolute Sale Deed No. 4348/2023-24 stored in CD No.MDP-1-04348-2023-24dated 28.08.2023 **SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing present BBMP Katha Sy. No. 42/42, Sy. No. 260/4, converted Sy No. 260/4, old No. 260 (converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. ALN (KRPH)SR:08/2015-16 dated 27/07/2015 issued by the DC, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kalkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli,, Bangalore East Taluk, presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP (GBA), measuring 9 ¼ guntas, with all rights, apprurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on **East by :** A.J. Sankalpa Apartments in Sy.No. 260/3, **West by:** Remaining portion in Sy. No. 260, presently 260/1, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road. **SCHEDULE "B":** 372.72 Sq.ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. **SCHEDULE "C":** Residential Flat bearing No. 301, in Third Floor, measuring about 1107 Sq.ft. super built up area, containing two bed rooms, together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, together with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase etc. in the multistoried residential building known as **"Akshaj Spring Leaf"** constructed over Schedule 'A' property.	**50,00,000**

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, JC Road, Bengaluru -560 002 Telephone: 080-2594-3678/3663 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, **M/s. Inicio Advisory and Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, Representative: Sri Raghavendra Rao.P. (Mobile No. 9900053220), Sri Hanumanth (Mobile No.9448993271)**

To the best of knowledge of the Authorized Officer, & as per available information there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **PSB Alliance Pvt Limited, https://baanknet.com.** and **www.sbi.co.in.**

NOTE: Sale of property is brought under **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** condition. Any dues affecting the property such as Electricity Bill, Water Bill, pending charges with respect of Association, Transfer of E-Khatha and Property Tax etc., have to be borne by the auction purchaser.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
State Bank of India,
SARB, Bengaluru

Date: 16.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KOPPAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (R), KOPPAL (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)

ನೊಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:KOL-S243-2012-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ:15–03–2013
Website: www.kimskoppal.com email: directorkimskoppal@gmail.com
Office : 08539 225522 Office : 08539-225523

No:KIMS/Koppal/Re-Tender/2025-26/694 Date:16/02/2026

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Re-Tender is invited for Supply of 20 seater Bus And Renovation of 250 Auditorium Gallery, KIMS Koppal under two cover Bid system as per KTPP Act 1999 rule 2000 KPPP portal of Government of Karnataka. Tender Approximate Cost Community Medicine: 22.25 Lakhs, EMD Rs.50,000/- And Auditorium Gallery: Rs.26.43 Lakhs, EMD Rs.44,500/-

1) Tender documents may download from the **17.02.2026** from 05.30 PM
2) Last Date for Submission of Tender **04.03.2026** up to 05.30 PM

Further information may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from Website:https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and this office web-site www.kimskoppal.kar.nic.in

DIPR/Koppal/680/KSMCA/2025-26 **Sd/-Director, KIMS Koppal.**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB05173), J C Road, Bengaluru

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Smt.Jayalakhshmi
E-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mob: +919945143159
Landline No: 080-2594-3678/3663

Address of the Branch:
Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp.Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002
Contact:CCO – Shilpa Agali
Mob:- 9113221397
Tel:080-2594-3678/3663
e-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON 17.03.2026

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on**17.03.2026**for recovery of **INR.1,01,38,219/- (Rupees One Crore One Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Nineteen only) as on 11.02.2026**+ future interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor: Shri. Prakash H S/o. Late Harikrishna.R, (Borrower) .

The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time & Date of e-auction
1	**Rs.51,00,000/-**	**Rs. 5,10,000/- (upto 16.03.2026, 4.00 PM)**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**From 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on 17.03.2026**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/5173/196
(Title deed holder:Shri.Prakash H)

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No.156, measuring about 1400 sq.ft, Site bearing No.169, measuring about 2091.25 sq.feet, Site bearing No.170, measuring about 2042.25 sq.feet, Site bearing No.171, measuring about 1977.5 sq.feet, Site bearing No.172, measuring about 1943.010 sq.feet, Site bearing No.173, measuring about 1890 sq.ft, having BBMP Katha Nos. 156/1993/2672,2071/169/1996/2061,2072/170/1997/2062,2073/171/1998/2063,2081/172/ 2007/ 2072 and 2082/173/2008/2073 respectively, said sites comprised in converted Sy. No.68 (old No.26), which is converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No.B.DIS.ALN(S) SR (KT):9/2003-04 dated 11/05/2004 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Mylasandra Village, KengeriHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently under the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, having amalgamated BBMP Katha No.2507/156, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173/ 1993/ 2672, in all measuring about 11344.01 sq.ft and bounded on East by : Property No.157, 158, 155, 154 and Road, West by : Road, North by : Property No.168 & 157, South by : Property No.174 and 155.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 268 sq.ft., of undivided share right, title and interest claim whatsoever in the land of the schedule 'A' property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : Residential Apartment bearing **Flat No.403**, in the Fourth Floor, measuring 1125 sq. ft, super built up area, containing Two Bed rooms, RCC Roofing, vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc, in the multistoried residential building known as "SLV PRINSS", 268 sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property, the Flat is bounded on : East by :Common area, West by : Road, North by : Flat No.402, South by : Flat No.404.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Building No. 11/90, III Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru – 560002.Telephone : 080-2594-3678/3663 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, M/s.Yasholakshmi Resolutions and Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, Representative: Shri.K.M.Udupa – 9880661493/ Shri.L.Krishnamurthy – 9449150926.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in and https://baanknet.com.

Date : 12.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
SARB, Bengaluru

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank — सिंडिकेट Syndicate

HEAD OFFICE BENGALURU
Regional Office : Davangere
DAVANAGERE P B ROAD BRANCH

DEMAND NOTICE [Section 13(2)]

NOTICE TO : BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR pursuant to 13(2) of the Act

To,
1. **M/s NAAS Mechanical Equipment Private Limited,**
   No 60-A2, KIADB DC Office Road, Karur Industrial Area, Davanagere-577006.
2. **Sri Arjun Bhog S/o Bhoghamallesh C S (Director),**
   No 121 Ground Floor Annapurneshwari layout, Thigalarapalya Main Road Bangalore North, Bengaluru- 560058.
3. **Smt Kavya D D W/o Arjun Bhog (Director),**
   No 121 Ground Floor, Annapurneshwari Layout Thigalarapalya Main Road Bangalore North, Bengaluru- 560058.
4. **Sri B M Kishore S/o B A Moganna Gowda (Guarantor),**
   No 51 BHEL Layout North Pattanagere Rajarajeshwari Nagar Bangalore South, Bengaluru – 560098

Sub : DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

That **M/s NAAS Mechanical Equipment Private Limited** represented by its directors **Sri Arjun Bhog S/o Bhoghamallesh C S & Smt Kavya D D W/o Arjun Bhog** has availed the following loans/credit facilities from our Davanagere P B Road Branch from time to time:

LIMIT		LOAN AMOUNT	LIABILITY AS ON Date 31.01.2026.	RATE OF INTEREST
Fund Based	1.	₹ **1,50,00,000.00**	₹ **1,50,01,692.00**	9.90% + penal interest
	2.	₹ **3,45,00,000.00**	₹ **3,50,77,089.16**	10.20% + penal interest
Total		₹ **4,95,00,000.00**	₹ **5,00,78,781.16**	

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EDITORIAL

"India does not have a problem of people grabbing share from a fixed pie. India is one of the few nations where the pie is getting bigger" — Arundhati Bhattacharya

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— Ramnath Goenka

MISSING HANDSHAKE NEEDLESS DISTRACTION FROM INDIA'S MASTERY

ACROSS three hours and change on Sunday, the Indian cricket team displayed the traits against Pakistan that have propelled them to the top of the world game in the T20I format: role clarity among their batters, gun pacers and a superb collection of ultra-consistent spinners. It is why, in a format where results and performances can be fickle, the Suryakumar Yadav-led side is on course to become the first team to defend the World Cup they won in 2024.

The one-sided dominance reflected poorly on the needless hyper-politicisation and the associated histrionics before the game. Not everything under the R Premadasa lights was praiseworthy. At the toss, skipper Yadav continued the recent *status quo* of not shaking hands with his opposite number, Salman Agha. He began this at the Asia Cup in Dubai; this is now the fourth time the senior men's team has refused to subscribe to accepted sporting norms and etiquette. What the senior men started, others have followed. Earlier this month, Ayush Mhatre, captain of the U19 World Cup-winning team, did not engage with Pakistan's U19 captain. There was no elaborate post-match mingling between members of either side. No one is sure whether this is an infection anyone would want to spread.

Do we even know why this step has been taken? The Board of Control for Cricket in India has remained mum, and it seems unfair that Yadav must answer questions that ought to be directed at elected Indian politicians at the highest level. If this is official government policy, it should be stated publicly.

Yet, 20 minutes after Yadav and Agha went their separate ways, Wasim Akram and Rohit Sharma—two of the greatest to have played for their countries—greeted each other, hugged and shared a smile. At the end of last year, India's foreign minister S Jaishankar shook hands with the Speaker of Pakistan's National Assembly Ayaz Sadiq during a ceremony in Dhaka. If it is acceptable to them, what prevents cricket teams from engaging?

Curiouser still, for revenue's sake—exemplified by this edition's boycott call—one team cannot do without playing the other in multi-nation events. Tennis players are often cited to legitimise the no-handshake policy, but there is a difference: they are independent contractors first. In a team sport, cricketers represent a country. This policy does not seem to represent one.

SAVE CHILD NUTRITION FROM CASTE PREJUDICE

IN Nuagaon village of Odisha's Kendrapara district, Sarmista Sethi's forlorn figure at the anganwadi centre, ready to cook a meal but with no child willing to eat it, will remain a lasting image of the deeply entrenched caste prejudice prevalent in India. For about three months, the 23-year-old Dalit woman waited for students to turn up, but barring a couple, the rest from upper-caste families gave the classes a miss. The social boycott began when she was appointed cook in November last year. Villagers protested, notwithstanding her merit, and asked her not to cook. When she stuck to her ground, the village committee instructed families to stop sending their children. Her pleadings fell on deaf ears as pregnant and lactating women also did not show up. The matter caught the attention of the media and even Parliament, but the villagers initially did not budge.

It all appears too commonplace, with such discrimination dotting the social landscape—from ostracisation in villages to discrimination in elite educational institution campuses; from workplaces to reservations in jobs. Even Constitutional guarantees have not made much cut. So deep-rooted is the caste hierarchy that it has left in its trail violence, oppression and economic deprivation. Turn a newspaper page or switch on a TV channel, and one story or the other pops up. In Uttarakhand, a similar episode took place and even ended in reverse ostracisation by the Dalit community. Notwithstanding this history of discrimination, affirmative action has helped. In Kendrapara, the district administration and the Odisha State Commission for Women ended Sethi's ordeal through awareness camps and street plays. Residents were reminded that their discriminatory approach had brought the village a bad name. Kendrapara MP Baijayant 'Jay' Panda shared a meal cooked by her as a gesture.

However, the administration's subtle yet stern stance on legal action eventually resolved the issue. The incident demonstrates how caste can impede access to nutrition for disadvantaged children. The anganwadi exists to feed and support those who need it most. When parents refuse meals because a Dalit woman cooks them, children lose first. Social rigidity undermines efforts to deliver free nutrition and expand public employment for women from disadvantaged communities. Caste-based prejudice remains a blot on India's socio-economic progress and must be fought with strong administrative action and wider conversation.

QUICK TAKE

IN HOT WATER

A passenger's recent social media post went viral. On an Indian airline flight, he asked for piping hot water to soothe a sore throat. The crew politely refused, citing policy. When he asked how tea was served, there were blank faces. Ironically, the same boiling water was acceptable when sold as tea. This reminds one of a foreign airline that abruptly banned cabin crew from using hot water bottles on long flights for safety reasons last December. After protests, the rule was withdrawn. Nothing shows the absurdity of rules like turning a cup of boiling water into a sky-high safety menace. Safety is important, but so are customer comfort and plain common sense.

India's AI Summit is a milestone in preparing for an intelligent future, where technology aids decision making, improves quality of life, strengthens security and ensures AI benefits the many, not just the few

INTELLIGENCE THAT WORKS FOR EVERY CITIZEN RELIABLY

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)
Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps; Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

MANDAR PARDIKAR

AS leaders, military scholars, diplomats and industry representatives gather in New Delhi for the AI Summit, it should not be mistaken for a conclave of coders speaking a language only machines understand. For many of us, myself included, it can seem difficult to grasp what will be discussed and how it affects daily life. Yet AI is no longer confined to laboratories or technology parks. It's becoming an invisible assistant in governance, security, disaster response, business and even the household. The real question is not whether India can build powerful algorithms but whether digital intelligence can serve every citizen.

At its simplest, AI is about experiential learning. Just as a seasoned commander reads terrain or a farmer reads the sky before rain, AI studies patterns in large volumes of data, recognises trends and anticipates what may come next. When woven into governance, it allows the State to act early.

India generates vast streams of information—on crops, rainfall, health, transport and markets. AI connects these fragments, helping detect distress, trigger timely medical response and improve emergency response time. The result is not abstract efficiency, but a smoother daily life.

This is where the ordinary citizen begins to see value. When shortages are anticipated, supply chains are adjusted before shelves empty. When disease trends are detected early, clinics prepare in time. When city services are monitored intelligently, breakdowns are prevented rather than repaired after causing inconvenience. Intelligence becomes a shared national asset.

In the security sphere, AI acts as a force multiplier. India's security challenges span land, sea, air and cyberspace. Modern surveillance systems generate more information than human teams can process quickly. Machine-learning systems help sift through that volume, identify unusual patterns and highlight potential threats. They do not replace judgement; they assist it. Information mapping on geographic information system maps—layer by layer—helps in crisis prevention and management.

For the forces, this means sharper intelligence assessments and faster decisions. Equipment can be serviced before failure because predictive systems identify stress patterns. Fire control becomes more precise through simulation and learning. Logistics can be streamlined. Yet one principle must remain clear: machines support, but humans decide. Ethical oversight and human responsibility cannot be delegated.

Beyond security, AI may have its most visible impact in disaster management. India regularly faces cyclones, floods, earthquakes and heatwaves. Early warnings already exist, but AI refines them. By combining satellite imagery, weather data, river levels and historical records, predictions become more local and more reliable. Evacuations can be planned calmly rather than in panic. Relief resources can be positioned before landfall. Structural vulnerabilities in bridges or buildings can be identified before collapse. Quiet prevention saves more lives than dramatic rescue.

AI also has a role in protecting social stability. Misinformation can spread rapidly in a connected society. AI systems can detect unusual spikes in coordinated messaging, alert authorities and enable timely clarification. The objective is not censorship but preparedness. In a diverse democracy, preventing avoidable tension is itself a form of national strength.

The transformation extends into everyday life. A farmer can receive advice based on soil conditions and weather forecasts. A student in a remote village can access lessons in her own language. A local health worker can use AI-supported tools to detect disease early. Small businesses can forecast demand, manage inventory and grow digitally. For women managing households or small enterprises, intelligent systems can simplify budgeting, marketing and access to government schemes. Knowledge once limited by geography becomes widely available.

Education and skills development remain central to India's future. As industries evolve, workers must adapt. AI can track employment trends and suggest training pathways. Learning platforms can adjust to pace and aptitude, ensuring that those displaced by technological change are not left behind.

Healthcare offers a similar promise. Diagnostic systems can assist doctors in early detection. Predictive tools can flag communities at risk of outbreaks. Telemedicine can extend expertise into underserved regions, narrowing the gap between urban and rural care.

Yet optimism must be balanced with caution. AI systems can be targeted by cyberattacks, data can be distorted, and flawed inputs can produce unfair outcomes demanding strong safeguards.

There is also a quieter concern that rarely enters public debate: the enormous amount of electricity required to run data centres and store the vast volumes of information on which AI systems depend. These server farms consume significant power and water for cooling, placing pressure on energy grids and the environment. If AI is to support sustainable development, its growth must be matched by cleaner energy sources and more efficient infrastructure.

India must therefore invest not only in capability but also in resilience. Data protection, cybersecurity safeguards, independent audits and ethical standards are essential. Public trust will determine success. Without confidence in fairness and safety, even beneficial systems will struggle for acceptance.

The broader question is whether AI will widen inequality or reduce it. If confined to elite sectors, it could deepen divides. If embedded in public services, translated into Indian languages and designed with simplicity, it can democratise opportunity. The technology itself is neutral; outcomes depend on governance and intent.

The AI Summit in New Delhi should therefore be seen as a national conversation about preparedness. It is about understanding how knowledge can be organised, analysed and applied to solve problems faster and more fairly. It's about converting information into foresight and foresight into action.

Many among us remember the advent of mobile phones. They seemed expensive, unnecessary and complex. Today, they connect farmers to markets, families to loved ones and citizens to government services. AI may follow a similar path. At first, it appears distant and technical. Gradually, it becomes woven into daily routines.

For that reason, awareness matters. We may not need to write code, but we should remain curious, informed and open. Just as India embraced digital payments and mobile connectivity, we must be ready to understand and adapt to intelligent systems. AI is not a spectacle for specialists. It's a tool whose value will be measured by how effectively it improves ordinary lives.

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FROM TALENT SOURCE TO STUDY HUB

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FOR decades, the story of Indian higher education has been shaped as much by what happens beyond the country's borders as by what unfolds within its classrooms. Studying abroad has come to symbolise aspiration, mobility and success, often accompanied by immense family sacrifice. From middle-class households stretching finances to pay overseas tuition to record-breaking visa numbers, sending children abroad has become a benchmark of educational achievement. However, this outward flow masks an uncomfortable reality: while India is one of the world's largest exporters of students, it remains a weak magnet for global talent.

A close look at the numbers reveals that this imbalance is not just stark but also persistent. According to the latest Niti Aayog report, for every international student who chose to study in India in 2021, around 25 Indian students went abroad. That year alone, outbound numbers climbed to 11.5 lakh, while inbound enrolments hovered at 45-50,000. In fact, student mobility data between 2016 and 2022 shows little structural change in incoming numbers, even as outbound figures steadily increased. In 2019, for instance, a relatively normal pre-pandemic year, 6.75 lakh Indian students left to study overseas, while only slightly above 47,000 international students arrived in India.

It's a troubling paradox. India's place in the global education landscape clearly exposes the imbalance. For all its population size, English-language advantage and academic heritage, the country attracts under one percent of the world's internationally mobile students. Quite worryingly, this places India far behind major destinations such as the US, the UK, Australia and China. These countries fare much better, not simply because they have strong universities, but also because they have coherent strategies that actively position higher education as a global service sector.

Besides, the destinations Indian students are choosing are revealing. They are concentrated in a small group of countries, led by Canada and the US, followed by the UK, Australia and Germany. This points to a clear pattern. Students are not simply chasing academic prestige; they are responding to education systems that offer international recognition, predictable academic pathways, and post-study work and migration opportunities.

India, by contrast, has struggled to present a compelling global proposition. Its internationally ranked universities remain limited in number and concentrated in elite clusters. Curriculums often do not align smoothly with international credit systems or interdisciplinary frameworks. Institutional processes can be painfully slow and even fragmented.

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> There is a troubling imbalance clouding India's pitch for a compelling higher education destination. While India has the scale and intellectual resources, global branding largely remains absent. Policy clarity is required to view international students not just as an afterthought

The result is obvious. Global branding remains weak, with Indian universities largely absent from international recruitment platforms. To make things worse, student support systems such as housing, career counselling and integration services are uneven and underdeveloped in most institutions. Above all, internationalisation has rarely been treated as a central mission—often remaining peripheral, symbolic or episodic.

The consequences of this imbalance are not merely symbolic. Every Indian student studying abroad represents a financial outflow of tuition fees, living expenses and long-term economic contributions. Host countries gain not only in revenue but also through greater campus diversity, stronger research capacity and workforce participation. International students also bring cultural and intellectual exchange that enriches academic ecosystems. India's failure to attract such students at scale means forfeiting these benefits while reinforcing its image as a source of talent rather than a destination for learning.

Let's also not forget the deeper cost that we are forced to pay because of this lacuna. Ironically, that is something not many wish to talk about. Campuses that remain largely inward-looking risk intellectual insularity, especially at a time when knowledge production is increasingly global. Today, exposure to diverse perspectives, academic cultures and research practices is no longer optional; it's central to competitiveness. And, without international students, Indian universities will struggle to fully integrate into global academic networks.

Of course, none of this is irrevocable. India has the scale, linguistic accessibility and intellectual resources to reposition itself as a higher education hub. Recent policy reforms, including those linked to the National Education Policy and opening up to foreign universities to operate in India, point in the right direction. Projections suggest that with sustained and coordinated reforms, India can attract 3-11 lakh international students by 2047. But incremental change will not be enough. Internationalisation demands strategic investment in infrastructure, regulatory clarity, curriculum innovation and global outreach. It requires treating international students not as an afterthought but as an integral part of the future of Indian higher education.

In short, in an era of global talent mobility, India cannot afford to remain inward-looking. Either the country continues to excel at exporting students while remaining largely invisible on the global student map, or it commits to building universities that attract learners from around the world. How India responds will shape not only its education system but also its place in the global knowledge economy for decades to come.

(Views are personal)

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AI ambition

Ref: *AI Summit* (Feb 16). India's real opportunity lies in proving that technological leadership can be ethical, inclusive and grounded in public good. However, ambition without responsibility would be a costly mistake. Leadership in AI will not come from hosting top global executives alone, but from investing in sovereign computing power, strong data governance and open innovation.
Aditya Kamble, email

Freebie losses

Ref: *DMK seeks to turn cash aid into election edge* (Feb 16). The freebie culture has become deeply entrenched in India's politics. It's an open secret that it is executed to serve ulterior motives of the government of the day. In no uncertain terms it's crowding out resources for essential infrastructure.
Aanya Singhal, Noida

Dhaka's move

Ref: *New dawn in Bangladesh* (Feb 16). A semblance of stability is perceptible in Bangladesh with the restoration of democracy albeit after almost two years of political imbroglio. But stability's sustenance hinges on efficiency and political pragmatism to be displayed by the new PM.
Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Kalidasa's contributions

Ref: *Ujjain's gems of genius* (Feb 16). Kalidasa's extraordinary mastery of Sanskrit is characterised by unparalleled simile, elegant simplicity and vivid imagery. His iconic works like *Kumarasambhavam*, *Raguvamsam* and *Meghadootham* represent the pinnacle of Sanskrit literature blending divine and human elements seamlessly.
R Pichumani, email

T&C loopholes

Ref: *RBI reins in mis-selling* (Feb 16). It's well nigh impossible to prove deceptive selling of financial products. Banks hand over a voluminous booklet with terms and conditions, which acts as an escape route. Though their sales pitches could hide many aspects, there is a need for integrity and customer-centric approach.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Neighbourly respect

Ref: *Om Birla to attend B'desh oath ceremony* (Feb 16). India's representation reflects the importance of strong neighbourly ties without compromising on democratic and sovereign ethos. Continued engagement will further deepen ties.
Ashwini Narware, Dhenkanal

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
The Commerce Minister has been persistently and consistently misleading the country on the impacts of the US-India trade deal on lakhs of farmers.

Aaditya Thackeray @AUThackeray
Which sensible, forward looking government indulges in plastering any modern day global city which shabby hoardings to welcome leaders of other countries?

Kiren Rijiju @KirenRijiju
During heavy snow we must prepared for any situation. Personnel of BRO are forever alert for continuous movement of Defence Forces and Civilians.

'5th-gen fighter imports not the answer'

Instead focus should be on weapons delivery range and effectiveness, says Air Vice Marshal Anil Golani (Retd)

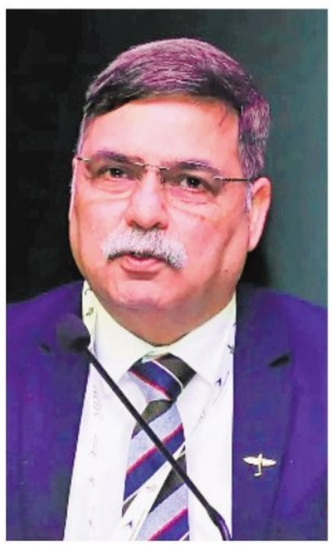
THE Indian Air Force, which secured air superiority during Operation Sindoor, is at the centre of renewed debate over air power, modernisation and future capability needs. Air Vice Marshal **Anil Golani** (Retd), who raised and commanded the IAF's first Harpy squadron, served at the Strategic Forces Command, and now leads CAPSS, speaks to **Javaria Rana** on lessons from the conflict, fighter acquisitions, and indigenous capabilities. **Excerpts**:

What are the lessons for the IAF from Op Sindoor?
Operation Sindoor, along with other recent conflicts such as Operation Midnight Hammer and Operation Rising Lion, has reinforced the centrality of air power in contemporary warfare. Beyond-visual-range (BVR) engagements and non-contact operations are increasingly emerging as decisive factors. There is a need for sustained investment in electronic warfare and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities to maintain operational control.

What do you think about the current defence budget allocation?
It has seen a significant increase of around 15% and at present remains in the range of 1.9% to 2% of GDP. Moving towards 2.5% is a reasonable objective, but such an increase needs to be gradual. The pace of budgetary expansion has to be matched with the capacity of the Indian defence industry to absorb and utilise the allocation effectively. Sustained and predictable increases, rather than sharp spikes, are must to ensure procurement pipelines, production capacities and capability development progress in a balanced manner.

Pakistan is reportedly set to induct the Chinese fifth-generation J-35 soon. Do you think India needs to import a fifth-generation fighter as a stop-gap to deal with a two-front challenge?
I don't think so, especially with the AMCA already under development. In contemporary warfare, the platform alone is no longer decisive. Increasingly, what matters is the range and effectiveness of weapons delivery and strength of networked operations. The traditional linear kill chain has evolved into a broader "kill web", where sensors, shooters and data networks function in an integrated framework, making overall network integration more critical than the platform itself.

How important is acquisition of 114 Rafale aircraft?
The acquisition needs to be viewed in the context of the



IAF's current force levels and the phased retirement of legacy platforms over the coming years. The IAF's fighter squadron strength is currently around 29 against a sanctioned strength of 42.5, making the induction of MRFA necessary to sustain operational capability. Inducting more Rafales also offers operational and logistical advantages, as the IAF already operates the platform, ensuring commonality in training, maintenance and weapons systems while reducing lifecycle costs. It provides a relatively quick capability enhancement even as indigenous programmes continue to mature. By the time additional aircraft are inducted, the platform is expected to be in the more advanced F5 configuration, compared to the F3 variant currently in service, representing a significant enhancement in overall capability.

There is an ongoing debate on Rafale acquisitions curbing indigenisation. Your comment.
This debate often presents a false binary between imports and indigenisation. Indigenous programmes such as Tejas and AMCA remain central to long-term self-reliance, but they operate on longer development timelines. In the interim, acquisitions like Rafale help sustain operational capability while domestic programmes mature. The issue is how such acquisitions are structured. In this case, 96 of 114 aircraft are expected to be manufactured in India with an estimated 50-60% indigenous content, alongside greater localisation. Also, access to source codes for integrating indigenous weapons such as the Astra BVR missile and BrahMos-NG is likely, which would provide greater operational flexibility.

The IAF is expected to receive 88 single-seat fighters and 26 twin-seat trainers. Is this proportion of trainers unusually high?
The numbers must be viewed in the context of fleet expansion. With two Rafale squadrons already in service and 114 more planned, the fleet could grow to around eight squadrons. Typically, each squadron fields three to four twin-seat aircraft for training and conversion. Importantly, twin-seat Rafales are fully combat-capable, providing both training depth and added operational flexibility as the fleet expands.

Verbatim

Despite an order for 180 Tejas Mk1A aircraft, HAL is yet to begin deliveries. What is causing the delay?
The primary issue concerns integration and compliance with stipulated Air Staff Qualitative Requirements (ASQRs). The initial Mk1A batches, fitted with the Israeli ELM-2052 radar, have encountered integration challenges involving weapons and onboard sensors, including the Astra Mk1 BVR missile. HAL must ensure all SQRs are fully met before deliveries commence, as capability gaps at induction create long-term operational and maintenance difficulties.

India to firm up def ties during Modi's two-day visit to Israel next week

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will visit Israel from February 25 on a two-day state visit, during which the two countries expected to discuss defence cooperation, technology partnerships and regional developments in West Asia.

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made the announcement while addressing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations on Sunday, saying, "Parliament address on the anvil. Who's coming here next week? Narendra Modi". He described India as an "enormously powerful" country with which Israel shares a "tremendous alliance".

The visit comes at a time when New Delhi is engaging multiple stakeholders in West Asia amid ongoing regional tensions. India has not yet publicly responded to the US President Donald Trump's invitation to join the proposed Board of Peace for Gaza, but the issue is expected to figure in discussions with both Israeli and Arab leaderships.

Earlier, India stepped up outreach to the Arab world, hosting the second India-Arab Foreign Ministers' meeting last month, in which Palestinian Foreign Minister Varsen Aghabekian Shahin participated and hailed India's position in West Asia.

The visit will be Modi's first visit to Israel since July 2017, when he became the first Indian PM to travel to the country, elevating ties to a strategic partnership and expanding cooperation in defence, agriculture, innovation and technology. Netanyahu paid the return visit to India in January 2018, further widening engagement across security, economic and technological sectors.

Defence ties remain a central to ties. According to data, India has been Israel's largest defence customer for several years.

Israel's largest defence customer for years

According to data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, India has been Israel's largest defence customer for several years, accounting for about 34% of Israel's total arms exports between 2020 and 2024.

Terrorism, insurgency to be wiped out of J&K, Northeast by '29: Shah

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said terrorism and insurgency would be completely eradicated from Jammu & Kashmir and the North-East by 2029. He also reiterated the government's target of freeing the country from Maoist violence by March 31, 2026.

Speaking as the chief guest at the 79th foundation day event of the Delhi Police in New Delhi, Shah announced ten new initiatives, including a "Safe City" project for the city.

As part of the project, the Delhi Police Special Cell's integrated headquarters will play an important role in counter-terror operations. "Around 2,100 AI-enabled cameras will soon become operational. These will be part of a larger network of 10,000 cameras under the Safe City project. In addition, 15,000 cameras that have already been installed across the city are being added to strengthen public safety," the minister said.

Drug-free India also in focus

Shah also said the government's priorities include building a "drug-free India", eliminating cyber-terrorism and breaking organised crime networks. He said Special Cell of Delhi Police is monitoring gangsters who fled abroad.

Shah said that before 2014, India's internal security faced serious challenges, especially in Jammu & Kashmir, the North-East and Maoist-affected areas. He added that in the North-East, nearly 20 peace agreements have been signed with insurgent groups and more than 10,000 youths have surrendered their arms and joined the mainstream. Referring to the abrogation of special status granted to Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370, Shah said the security situation in the Union Territory is improving. "Now I can assure the countrymen that J&K and North-East would be free of violence by 2029," he said.

Praising the Delhi Police, Shah said the force has protected the country on several occasions. "They successfully handled complex cases like Parliament attack and recent bomb blast near Red Fort".

On the introduction of three new criminal laws, the minister said the government aims to modernise India's criminal justice system and increase conviction rate to 75 to 80%. "States like Assam, Haryana and Gujarat have already recorded conviction rate increases of over 20 percent," he informed.

'Disturbing': SC junks pleas on Himanta

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a batch of petitions filed by CPI and CPM leaders against Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma over a viral video showing him taking aim and firing a gun at members of a particular community.

"Sorry, we are not passing any order on the plea," said a three-judge bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi.

Refusing to pass any order, the top court asked the petitioners to approach the Gauhati High Court. It also asked the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court to expedite the hearing in the matter.

On February 10, lawyer Nizam Pasha mentioned the plea in the case before the apex court seeking action against Sarma over the viral video allegedly showing him taking aim and firing with a rifle at members of a particular community. The SC on that day had agreed to consider listing the plea seeking action against Sarma at the members of a particular community.

Lawyer Pasha had submitted that the court should hear the matter urgently, as disturbing speeches were made by Sarma against a community. CJI Kant, while hearing the plea had said, "The problem is, as soon as elections come, part of the election is fought in the SC. That is the problem."

The petition objected to a public speech of Sarma on January 27 as well as a video shared on BJP Assam unit's X handle. The video of Sarma was taken down following backlash.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

SC rejects plea against 'logical discrepancy'

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to entertain a plea challenging the 'logical discrepancy' category in the SIR of electoral rolls in West Bengal. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul Pancholi also questioned the petitioner for approaching the apex court under Article 32.

UPSC given 1 wk to file compliance affidavit

The Supreme Court on Monday granted a week to the UPSC to file its compliance affidavit on the proposed plan of action, timeline and modalities for the deployment and use of screen-reader software for visually-impaired candidates in examinations conducted by the commission.

Notice to Centre on personal data protection act

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday sought the Centre's reply on a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity of several provisions of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, as the matter pertained to "complex and sensitive issues".

A three-judge bench noted that the new legislative framework required a fresh and deeper examination.

While agreeing to examine the legal complexities of the Act, the court, however, refused to grant an interim stay on the impugned provisions, and directed that the petitions be placed before a larger bench.

The petitioners argued that the new data regime severely dilutes the RTI Act.

AI SUMMIT

Centre mulls giving access to AI to students in govt medical colleges

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE centre is considering providing access to e-books and AI resources to medical students to help them hone their skills, a senior Union Health ministry official said here Monday.

In the first phase, around 57 government medical colleges in smaller towns and rural areas will be covered, said B Srinivas, Deputy Director General (Medical Education) at the AI Impact Summit. He added that students from medical colleges in remote areas find it challenging to access e-books and good technical materials, including this AI material.

"So the government is thinking of using the leverage of AI to reach out to these students ... in the National Medical Library we have started the process of securing the e-books and the digital clinical material, and we are doing it right now in around 57 government medical colleges across the country," Srinivas said. The government is looking to scale up the initiative in a gradual manner, he added.

"We are in the pipeline to also include the private medical colleges later on. But since the budget is coming from the government, we are right now concentrating only on the government institutions," he said. Building campuses and infrastructure is very easy, but building up the knowledge material that takes time, he added.

The panelists in the session focussed on how responsible AI can advance health equity by improving access to trusted medical knowledge, clinical decision support, and workforce capacity.

The speakers also deliberated on bringing together policymakers, healthcare leaders, clinicians, and industry experts with a focus on trust, transparency, and governance in health AI.

The panel also explored how evidence-based, explainable AI systems can be deployed safely and at scale to strengthen health systems.

UK TO LAUNCH THREE NEW INT'L AI INITIATIVES

The UK will use this week's India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi to launch three new international AI initiatives, in a bid to positioning the country at the forefront of efforts to ensure developing countries benefit from the AI revolution. Backed by £58 million funds through the AI for Development (AI4D) programme, first launched at the AI Safety Summit at Bletchley Park, the UK, in 2023, the projects will be delivered in partnership with Canada.

AI-enabled multilingual tool via mobile phones for farmers soon

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AMID growing reliance on artificial intelligence for creative and collaborative support across sectors, the Centre is set to launch Bharat-VISTAAR (Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources) on Tuesday.

The AI-enabled multilingual tool has been designed to provide farmers with information in their own languages, accessible via mobile phones or even through a simple phone call. Powered by advanced AI, the platform aims to offer practical solutions to farmers' agricultural concerns.

According to official sources, Bharat-VISTAAR will deliver guidelines, advisory tips and essential updates, including weather forecasts and the current market situation for agricultural produce.

The system will be launched by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan and Rajasthan CM Bhajanlal Sharma. The platform has been designed to operate round the clock, ensuring uninterrupted access to information. An AI assistant named Bharati has been integrated into Bharat-VISTAAR, and a dedicated helpline number has been made operational.

The system has been equipped with comprehensive information relating to ten major flagship Central government schemes, including PM-KISAN, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, the Soil Health Card scheme and the Kisan Credit Card scheme.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the initiative in her Budget speech for 2026–27.

51 startups to showcase AI innovations at WAVES corner

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

OVER 50 Indian start-ups operating in the animation, extended reality and media tech space are showcasing AI-powered innovations at the India AI Impact Expo 2026, which is being held in New Delhi. At the WAVES Creators Corner in the pavilion set by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, these start-ups have displayed tools for immersive storytelling, gaming, virtual production, and next-gen content technologies, all centering around artificial intelligence.

These innovations include zero-touch autonomous newsroom, Bhasha Wall with multilingual dubbing and AI sign language avatars, interactive experiences, such as Samvad Setu and The Director's Chair, an AI podcast studio, conversational humanoid robots, and voice cloning.

The ministry's pavilion also features panels, masterclasses, and technology showcases exploring AI's transformative impact on media and entertainment, including AI-driven production workflows, multilingual voice technologies, gaming innovation, content monetisation and responsible AI frameworks. The pavilion also includes a masterclass by filmmaker Shekhar Kapur on AI-powered storytelling.

Officials said the ministry has collaborated with Adobe. They said, "As part of the collaboration, Adobe will present Kathavatar, a curated showcase of five Made-in-India AI short films inspired by Indian folklore. The films—Language of Birds, Migoi, Uttarayan, The Barber's Secret and Yappasauras—will be screened throughout the summit at the AI Theatre within WAVES Creators Corner." The added that a new generation of Indian filmmakers will be highlighted.

DOG MENACE

The Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission has taken suo motu cognisance of reports that a stray dog attacked and bit an Israeli woman passenger at Jaipur International Airport.

1 WOMAN MAULED TO DEATH BY LIONESS IN GUJARAT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	18	Mumbai	29	23
Bhopal	30	18	Panaji	31	22
Jaipur	29	16	Patna	28	14
Amritsar	25	12	Lucknow	28	13
Chennai	28	22	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	29	17	Imphal	27	11
Srinagar	11	01	Chandigarh	26	12

Bhagwat call to work for larger Hindu society

Says Sangh speaks for community as every Indian connected to it

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

EXHORTING people to build a strong and united Hindu society, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Monday stressed that those who have forgotten their identity should be reminded that they are Hindus.

"The Sangh speaks for the Hindu community because every person living in this country is connected to it," the RSS chief pointed out while speaking at a social harmony meeting on completion of 100 years of RSS in Gorakhpur.

Bhagwat is on a three-day visit to the eastern UP district. While referring to the existing caste system, Bhagwat said: "We are concerned about our caste which is good but we should remember that we belong to a larger society. There is complete freedom in Hindu society." "If the nation thrives, we thrive. Society is responsible, and the Sangh assists," he added. Bhagwat stated that Hindu society believed in the validity of different paths. While paths may differ, the goal remains the same, he added.

The RSS chief said that a society that followed this principle was truly Hindu. He added that the name 'Hindu' was linked with India, and through this identity, Sanatan (eternal) consciousness would awaken. "We must fulfil our purpose," said the RSS chief on the second day of his visit. Working for others, not for personal gain, is the essence of Indian culture. Recognising this truth brings eternal joy," he averred.

Explaining why the Sangh speaks of Hindu society, Bhagwat said the term refers to a cultural identity rather than a narrow religious label. "It is a civilisational description of people who believe in harmony, coexistence and respect for diverse paths leading to a common goal," he said, adding that Hindu is "not merely a noun but an adjective describing a way of life."

He stressed that India was a "dharma-pran" nation where ethical conduct formed the core of social life, shaped by intergenerational values. The RSS, he said, aimed at organising society on the basis of tolerance, coordination and selflessness.

Calling India a spirituality-oriented nation, the RSS chief said that values and customs in India were cultivated generation after generation.

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Long queues of jobless youth at camps to dole out Didi sops

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THOUSANDS of unemployed youths have been lining up at camps to register their names under 'Banglar Yuva Sathi' scheme, launched by the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal for a monthly aid of ₹1,500, reflecting the gravity of the unemployment crisis.

The camps, which have been open in all 294 Assembly constituencies in Bengal since Sunday, will also accept new applications for other welfare schemes of the state government for women and farmers.

All camps, starting from Kakdwip in remote southern part of West Bengal to Kalimpong in Darjeeling in extreme northern part of the state, have been flooded with applications by PhD scholars and those have cleared the Madhyamik Exam, among others.

An applicant told this paper, "There is no scope for jobs in Bengal, and we rush to the camps to our names registered for a paltry sum of ₹1,500 every month under the scheme. We couldn't have waited in the line if we had job opportunities."

Around 13 lakh people have already submitted applications for the scheme under which jobless residents in the age group of 21 to 40 years would be provided with the monthly allowance of ₹1,500 for a maximum period of five years.

EC suspends 7 Bengal officials working on SIR for 'serious misconduct'

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EC official

Officers' role in list updation

Booth-level and electoral registration officers and their assistants are state government employees, who work on deputation for the EC to undertake intensive updation of the voters' list and assist in the conduct of polls

MUKESH RANJAN & SUBHENDU MAITI @ New Delhi/Kolkata

THE Election Commission has ordered the immediate suspension of seven officials of the West Bengal government at the level of Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AEROs) for "serious misconduct, dereliction of duty and misuse of statutory powers" in connection with the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls in the state.

The commission has also directed West Bengal chief secretary Nandini Chakravorty to ensure that disciplinary proceedings are initiated against them. Booth-level and electoral registration officers and their assistants are state government employees, who work on deputation for the EC to undertake intensive updation of the voters' list and assist in the conduct of polls.

"Using its powers under Section 13CC of the Representation of the People Act of 1950, the EC has placed under suspension seven officials in West Bengal with immediate effect," said an official of the EC. Officials said the authority has directed state Chief Secretary Nandini Chakravarty that disciplinary proceedings to be initiated against these officials by their respective cadre controlling authorities immediately. This comes days after Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the election commissioners held a virtual meeting with district election officers in West Bengal and other officials on Friday.

The EC has issued a series of instructions to the state government, including for the registration of FIRs over if fictitious voter names are found in the electoral rolls or in case of data security breach. The poll panel has also summoned Chakravorty to New Delhi over non-compliance with the its orders. The EC has set a February 17 deadline for compliance.

Meanwhile, the suspension of AEROs has prompted a section of West Bengal Civil Service cadres in the state to believe that the state secretariat Nabanna might have given a verbal clearance to the EC to take the drastic step.

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Separate public toilets for trans in Ramgarh

In a first in Jharkhand, separate public toilets have been constructed for the transgenders in Ramgarh. The district administration has taken this step to prevent discrimination against members of the transgender community. These public restrooms were inaugurated at the Ramgarh District Collector's Office Park, Sadar Hospital, and the bus stand. Toilets can be used by paying Rs 5 rupees and one will have to Rs10 to take bath. According to Ramgarh DC Faiz Ak Ahmed Mumtaz, the administration is committed to provide the transgender community with a dignified life, equal opportunities, social security and self-reliance.

Govt steps up fight against land grabbing

To prevent land grabbing by land mafia, the state government has formed a state-level committee under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary Mast Ram Meena, which will study the laws and circulars applicable to land grabbing in other states and submit a report to the government. According to government sources, the panel will also explore provisions that can be added to prevent such cases. If necessary, it will also suggest the enactment of new laws, they said. The committee will also review the SOP proposed by a previously constituted departmental committee. This process will also be reviewed.

Family refuses migrant's body over pending relief

Family members of 27-year-old Vijay Kumar Mahto, who was fatally caught in a crossfire between police and criminals in Saudi Arabia on October 15 last year, have refused to receive his body. Officials say they are demanding compensation from the private company where he used to work in the Arab country. Since it was a bullet injury case, the matter is before a court in Jeddah and the final compensation may depend on the court's decision, they said. Notably, after being hit with the bullet, Vijay Kumar Mahto had sent a voice note to his wife back to his village, Dudhapania, under Dumri block of Giridih, informing that he had mistakenly been hit by a bullet.

Rahul steps in to douse Assam Cong unit fire

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

HOURS after resigning from the Congress and holding discussions with party leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, the party's ex-Assam president Bhupen Kumar Borah sought time to reconsider their request on withdrawing resignation.

At the time of going to press, it was he was expected to make his "family's decision" known to the party leadership by Monday night or Tuesday morning. Earlier in the day, he had submitted his resignation letter to the central leadership, sending the party into a tizzy ahead of the Assembly elections expected in April. The party's Assam in-charge, Jitendra Singh, and several other party leaders, including state president Gaurav Gogoi, rushed to his house to try and persuade him to withdraw his resignation.

Briefing the media, he said, "My old colleagues and central leaders are at my house. I have always respected them. They have given certain suggestions. I have sought some time."

Meanwhile, the Congress expressed surprise over Borah's resignation. "Even last night, he was with us. We don't know what happened suddenly," a Congress leader claimed.

Oppn ups ante as black box of aircraft carrying Ajit Pawar in bad shape

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE black box from the plane crash in Baramati on January 28, which killed Maharashtra DyCM Ajit Pawar has been found to be in poor condition.

This damage is making it tough for the probe agencies to retrieve data that could be crucial for the probe. According to sources, the black box comprises the Flight Data Recorder and Cockpit Voice Recorders, which are crucial for investigating the crash by reconstructing the final moments of the flight, capturing the technical data and crew conversations.

NCP (SP) MLA Rohit Pawar said that since the black box turned out to be in a bad shape, it may not help the probe agencies to fetch the details and bring clarity over the crash. He said the way things are unfolding increases suspicion towards the sabotage.

It has been more than 20 days since the plane crash incident, but no credible information from the state, central, DGCA, and its probe agencies has been shared that can clear the doubts, Rohit said.

"There is no credible progress in the probe, also. Whether this delay has been happening to save the VSR firm that provided the plane service or to destroy the evidence is yet to be ascertained. There must be some big names that are protecting this firm. However, we will continue to work to get the final details and facts about the crash," Rohit Pawar said.

NCP MLC Amol Mitkari, who was close to Ajit Pawar, has been raising several questions over the accident of his party leader. He said that the black box is burned out, so there are difficulties in recovering the data. He said that the foreign country experts' help will be sought to recover the data from the burnt black box, and that may delay the probe as well.

"Till then, the CCTV footage of the airport where Ajit Pawar's plane took off, the road where the pilot and co-pilot travelled, footage of the car they used to reach the airport, and people they met in between, should be shared to clear the air," Mitkari demanded.

Pahalgam attack victim's daughter awaits Maha job...

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

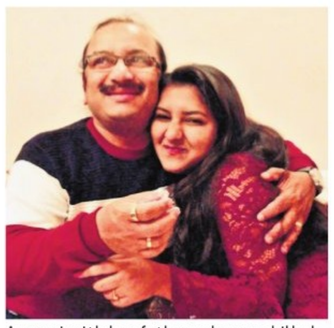
FOR young Asavari Jagdale, life has been anything but smooth since April 22, 2025, when her father, Santosh Jandgale, a resident of Pune, was killed in Pahalgam terror attack.

The promise of a government job made by top leadership of Maharashtra initially gave her some solace, but after these 10 months that hope now seems to be a distant dream. During this period, all Asavari has been doing is running from pillar to post to get her files cleared in the corridors of power.

Santosh Jandgale, a resident of Pune, along with ten other people from Maharashtra, was killed in the terror attack.

According to Asavari, Union Minister Amit Shah himself had met her and her family and promised to extend all possible help, including a government job, bravery award and a memorial for people who lost their lives in this brutal attack. She is the only child of her parents and the sole bread earner.

"Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and DCM Eknath Shinde also visited the place and gave the promise of the job. Later, on their instructions, we visited the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) office and met the commissioner. He checked the availability of the job and noted that grade II posts are vacant and that they are suitable for my education also. Then, PMC sent my file to Mantralaya for final approval in April 2025. It has been ten months, but we are clueless where our file is," she added.



Asavari with her father, who was killed in Pahalgam terrorist attack | EXPRESS

Asavari said they later sought the appointments of CM and DCM, but that did not help at all. NCP SP Lok Sabha MP Supriya Sule expressed her "surprise and deep regret" that despite the Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis's personal assurance and Asavari's high educational qualifications, the process remains stalled 10 months later.

... 14 tourist spots closed after April attack now open

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TEN days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed J&K security at a high-level meeting in Jammu, Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday announced reopening of 14 tourist spots shut after the Pahalgram attack. The move is likely to boost tourist inflow.

Out of the 14 tourist spots being reopened, 11 are in Kashmir and three in Jammu. The 11 tourist spots thrown open in the Valley are Yousmarg and Doodhpathri in central Kashmir's Budgam, Dandipora Park in Kokernag, Peer Ki Gali, Dubjan & Padpawan in south Kashmir Shopian, Astanpora, Tulip Garden in Srinagar, Thajwas Glacier, Hung Park in central Kashmir's Ganderbal and Wullar/ Watlab in Baramulla.

The three closed tourist spots thrown open in Jammu are Devi Pindi in Reasi, Mahu Mangat in Ramban and Kishtwar's Mughal Maidan.

HOUSE ON FIRE

Farm protest, sloganeering dominate Gujarat Assembly

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE BJP had a power moment in the Gujarat Assembly on Monday, as it managed to get its candidate Purnesh Modi elected for the post of deputy speaker without any hiccups, despite the opposition Congress making it a contest by fielding its own candidate. Otherwise, the day was marred by ruckus over opposition protests on the farmers' issue around the India-US trade deal.

The two parties placed two separate motions in the Assembly. Congress leader Dinesh Thakor proposed the candidature of Shailesh Parmar, while BJP leader Jitu Vaghani moved the motion backing Modi. After the voting ended, Modi won comfortably. AAP distanced itself from both camps and opted for the NOTA option.

The moment Governor Acharya Devvrat's speech started, Congress MLAs rose in protest, demanding waiving off of farmers' loans. As he outlined the government's welfare schemes, agricultural push, infrastructure growth and propoor initiatives, the treasury benches indulged in desk thumping to drown the opposition's sloganeering. AAP MLAs also raised farmers' issues as they walked into the wall of the House.

Ruckus breaks out

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Uproar in Raj Assembly over crop insurance scam

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE Rajasthan Assembly saw noisy scenes on Monday in the ongoing budget session when Agriculture Minister Kirori Lal Meena alleged a scam under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). Announcing a probe by the state's Special Operations Group, the minister termed the alleged fraud as the result of an organised "insurance mafia" that had been robbing farmers of their rightful compensation.

The minister said a scrutiny of 32,000 intimation forms—out of 1.70 lakh submitted in Ganganagar district—revealed irregularities. Surveyors allegedly forged the signatures of farmers and revenue officials. In several cases, farmers who had suffered crop losses from 50 to 70 per cent were shown as having incurred "zero per cent loss" on official records. The fraud reportedly caused losses of ₹128 crore to farmers.

Meena named Kshema Insurance Company, alleging that it was found to be a prima facie defaulter. "Kshema Insurance Company kept this amount and earned interest on it," he said. An FIR has been registered in the case.

Preliminary findings suggest the involvement of company employees, certain bank officials, and external elements.

HC: Elderly parents can't be forced to suffer harassment in own home

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN a significant ruling, the Jharkhand High Court has said that elderly parents cannot be forced to tolerate harassment in their own homes.

The court clarified that if elderly parents are mentally or physically abused, their son and daughter-in-law cannot forcibly reside in a house built with their own earnings.

The court acknowledged that the house in question is the senior citizens' self-acquired property, and therefore, they have full rights over it. While hearing a petition filed by an elderly couple from Ramgarh, the Court of Justice Rajesh Kumar quashed the order of the Deputy Commissioner, who had reversed the order passed earlier by the SDM, directing the son and daughter-in-law to vacate the house in 2022.

The court stated that inheritance rights are linked to the future; they do not grant immediate ownership of the property.

When peaceful coexistence in the same home is impossible, the law firmly stands in favour of the elderly, it said.

LAW MATTERS

1. Children cannot forcibly reside in a house built with old parents' earnings, it said
2. When peaceful coexistence in the same home is impossible, the law stands with the elderly, it added

The order was passed while hearing a petition filed by 75-year-old Lakhan Lal Poddar and his 72-year-old wife, Uma Rani Poddar, who had approached the HC, alleging that their son, Jitendra Poddar, and daughter-in-law, Ritu Poddar, mistreated them and prevented them from living peacefully in their own home.

In 2022, the couple had filed an application with the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) under the Maintenance Act. On November 23, 2022, the SDM ordered the son and daughter-in-law to vacate the house.

However, an appeal was filed against this decision, following which the Ramgarh Deputy Commissioner, on February 23, 2024, passed an order in their favour and reversed the order passed earlier by the SDM directing the son and daughter-in-law to vacate the house in 2022.

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I, the under signed advocate bring to the notice to the general public that, my client Sri. Durbakula Nagarjuna, Residing at Flat No.S-2,No-1081,2nd floor,2nd Block,40th Cross, Chaitanaya school, J.P Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru -560062.is intend to purchase of Flat situated at Kotthanur dinne, BBMP ward No.194 of Kotthanur village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore south taluk,(old site No.5 to 19) of Kotthanur Village, then BDA katha No. BDA/RO(S)/5 to 19 formed in Sy.No.14/1,14/2, and 15/2 as Schedule A Property. And 385 square feet of undivided share in above mentioned Schedule A Property as a Schedule B Property. All that piece and parcel of super built up area of 1070 square feet for flat 212 in the first floor of the building known as " VISHWOTHAMA APARTMENT" as Schedule C Property. Any person(s) having any claim, right, title, or interest in the said property by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, lease, lien, gift, trust, or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at the address mentioned below, supported by documentary evidence, within [7] days from the date of publication of this notice, over the above said Schedule A To C Property.

HARISH KUMAR .M, Advocate
No.43, Behind court complex, Mariyappa Layout, Anekal Town, Bengaluru- 562106.
Mob: 9902889425, Date: 16-02-2026

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The original documents listed below, pertaining to land bearing Municipal No. 59, PID No. 67-8-59, E-PID No. 8315190841, comprising of land measuring 179.52 Square Meters, along with a residential building constructed thereon, situated at 17D Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 095 (the "Property") have been misplaced. An e-complaint has been filed in this regard with the jurisdictional police vide Lost Report No. 2064232/2026. Any person/s in possession/ custody of the said documents is hereby directed to forthwith return the same to the undersigned. The Public is also cautioned against dealing with any person who may in possession of these documents, and any such transaction shall not be binding.

DOCUMENTS

a) Allotment Letter bearing No. BDA/ADM/A9/59/KMLVI/82-83, issued by the Bangalore Development Authority;
b) Auction Site Agreement dated January 19, 1983, entered between the Bangalore Development Authority and Mr. Oscar Claude Thomas Patrao, registered as Document No. 6078/1982-83, Book – I, Volume 1924, at Pages 146 to 148, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk; and
c) Possession Certificate bearing PR No. 252/82-83, dated March 18, 1983, issued by the Bangalore Development Authority.

Date : February 17, 2026
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Open e-Tender Notice No. : DRM/Works/SC/13-23/2026/ OT, Dated : 13-02-2026 PUB/1948

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14:00 hours on 13-03-2026.

Sl.No. : 01. e-Tender No. : 13_CO_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : BPQ - KZJ, KZJ - KI, WD - SC & SC - KZJ Sections : Welding of Rail joints 60kg/52kg by means of Mobile Flash Butt Welding Plant in situ at various locations under Sr.DEN/North/SC, Sr.DEN/West/SC & DEN/Central/SC sections in connection with complete Track Renewal (S) & Through Rail Renewal (S) works.
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 2,79,40,626/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 2,89,700/-. **Completion period in Months :** 09. **Maintenance period in Months :** Nil.

Sl.No. : 02. e-Tender No. : 14_CR_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : WD - SC - KZJ section : Through Turnout Renewal of Exg. 52kg/60kg switches, lead rails and crossings in running lines with new 60kg curved switches/Thick web switches, lead rails and CMS/WCMSC under DEN/Central/SC section.
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 3,71,35,873/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 3,35,700/-. **Completion period in Months :** 12. **Maintenance period in Months :** 60 (Days).

Sl.No. : 03. e-Tender No. : 15_NW_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : VKB - PRLI Section : BIDR - Provision of Ballast less track and quick watering arrangements for Road No.1 & Road No.3 at BIDAR Railway Station. (Two packet system).
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 14,22,70,793/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 8,61,400/-. **Completion period in Months :** 12. **Maintenance period in Months :** 36.

Sl.No. : 04. e-Tender No. : 16_NW_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : PDPL - NZB Section : Provision of Ballast less track and quick watering system for Loop Line-1 at Karimnagar Railway Station.
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 8,66,60,525/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 5,83,300/-. **Completion period in Months :** 12. **Maintenance period in Months :** 36.

Sl.No. : 05. e-Tender No. : 17_NW_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : VKB - PRLI Section : Provision of Ballast less track and quick watering system for Loop Line-1 at Parlivaijnath Station.
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 8,66,60,525/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 5,83,300/-. **Completion period in Months :** 12. **Maintenance period in Months :** 36.

Sl.No. : 06. e-Tender No. : 18_NW_SC_25_OT. Name of the Work : SW 1) VKB - PRLI Section : SSE/P.Way/BIDR jurisdiction : Proposed safety related yard improvement& upgradation works at various yards. **SW 2) BIDR - GR Section :** SSE/P.Way/HMBD jurisdiction : Proposed safety related yard improvement&upgradation works at various yards.
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 2,72,84,458/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 2,86,500/-. **Completion period in Months :** 12. **Maintenance period in Months :** 60 (Days).

Sl.No. : 07. e-Tender No. : 19_N_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : BPQ - KZJ Section : Provision of Safety Fencing / Boundary Wall of along the Track for speed 130 kmph and above using Fixed Knot fencing made from high tensile steel wire coated with suitable protective coating as per relevant IS codes for 15 km fencing length (Ph-I).
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 3,95,43,994/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 3,47,700/-. **Completion period in Months :** 12. **Maintenance period in Months :** 60 (Days).

Sl.No. : 08. e-Tender No. : 20_N_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : BPQ - KZJ Section : Sirpur Kagaznagar - Provision of Ballast less track for Road 5 and Quick watering system between Road 5 & 6 at Sirpurkagaznagar Railway Station.
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 8,66,60,525/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 5,83,300/-. **Completion period in Months :** 09. **Maintenance period in Months :** 36.

Sl.No. : 09. E-Tender No. : 21_N_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : SW 1) Extension of Raghavapuram shunting neck on Kazipet – Balharshah section. **SW 2)** Extension of existing shunting neck 50 metres at Peddapalli (PDPL) Station Yard.
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 4,11,82,075/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 3,55,900/-. **Completion period in Months :** 12. **Maintenance period in Months :** 36.

Sl.No. : 10. e-Tender No. : 22_S_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : KZJ - KI Section (Sr.DEN/S/SC) : Provision of Safety Fencing /Boundary wall of along the track for speed 130 kmph and above using **Fixed Knot fencing** made from high tensile steel wire coated with suitable protective coating as per relevant IS codes for 15 km fencing length (Phase-I).
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 4,14,61,307/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 3,57,300/-. **Completion period in Months :** 12. **Maintenance period in Months :** 60 (Days).

Sl.No. : 11. e-Tender No. : 23_S_SC_26_OT. Name of the Work : KZJ - BZA Section - Proposed Ancillary works (left over works) such as RUB approaches, retaining walls, drainage arrangement and etc. for the Road under bridge (RUB) at LC No.79 (M) Km 428/9-11 between Kesamudram and Tadalapusapalli stations.
Approximate Tender Value in Rs. : 2,94,83,318/-. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) :** 2,97,400/-. **Completion period in Months :** 06. **Maintenance period in Months :** 06.

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
2. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Earnest Money Deposit through online payments / BG only.
3. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
4. All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offer.

Sr. DEN / Co-ordination / Secunderabad.

PUBLIC NOTICE

An original Sale Deed Document

Sale Deed dated 08.06.2006 vide document No. BAS-1-05970-2006-07(BNG(U)-BLR(S)/5970 2006-07) stored in CD No. BASD247 pertaining to **Flat No. 202,** on the 2nd Floor of Block No. S-10 of the building constructed on Schedule - 'A' Property (property bearing Sy.No. 63/2, measuring 2 acres 19 guntas (khatha no. 453 issued by Doddakannelli Village Panchayat), situated at Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural purposes vide no. BDS/ALN/(E)VB/SR/209/2003-04 dated 25.07.2003 and bounded on East by Sri. A.G. Narayana Reddy & Jayamma's Property, West by: Sri. A.G. Chikkarama Reddy's property, North by: Smt. Kamalamma and Lavanya's property, South by: Remaining portion of the land in Sy. No. 63/2, Doddakannelli Village).
The above stated sale deed document has been lost, if anybody found the same kindly inform/handover to the nearest Police Station or the owner Deepak Mammen Babu, S/o Sri. Mammen Babu, aged about 57 years R/at No. S-10/202, Greenwood Regency, Sarjapur Road, Kaikondanahalli, Bangalore-560 035 **(Mobile No. 7760525286)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client **Smt. Varalakshmi .R** D/o Ramachandra R, residing at No.188, 5th Block, BDA Layout Lalbahuddur Shastri Nagar Anjanapura Bengaluru–560 108, intends to purchase Schedule Property described herein under, from its present Owner Sri. Rajesh M.S S/o Sri M Shankar, residing at No. 3, 2nd Cross , Risaldhar street, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru -560 020, any person/s objecting for the said purchase or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims whatsoever along with documentary proof within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate, failing which our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.33,BBMP Property No.217/33, BBMP e-PID No.6776329379, situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West : 35-0 feet, North to South : 28-0+26-0/2 feet and bounded on:
East by : Property bearing No.34,
West by : Property bearing No.32,
North by : Private Property and
South by : Road.

KANNA .C, Advocate
No.B-3, Ambika Kunj Building, Near J.P. Nagar Sub-Registrar Office, Konanakunte, Bengaluru-560062.
Mobile No.9886244914

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sri. **T.RAMAKRISHNA RAO, S/o Late R.Thimmegowda,** Aged 65 years, Residing at No. 2072/1, 10th Cross, Kuvempunagar, Chennapatna Town, Bengaluru Rural District, Aadhar No.659450879847, represents that he is the absolute owner of agricultural land Sy.no.70/2, measuring 2 acres 27 guntas & Sy.no.69/3, measuring 0-04 guntas, totally measuring 3 acres 31 guntas, situated at Lallagatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District, bounded on **East by:** Government Road, **West by:** Sarkari Danavina Oni ((ದನದ ಓಣಿ/ ದನಿನ ಓಣಿ/ cattle lane), **North by:** Mohammed Yusuff, Rajashekar, Rathna Bai, Navlesh & Malik Shabuddin, **South by:** Ganesh Rao & Kivudu Dasaiah, the owner has agreed to sell the above said property. My client is intending to purchase the said lands. Any person having any objections for the sale of the above said lands or such other claim over it, the same may be lodged in writing with supporting documents at the following address **within FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no objections or claims are received within the time stipulated above it shall be deemed that there are no objections for the sale of the same and purchasing said property by my client is free from all encumbrances.

Address:
P. Reddy Nagendra Kumar, Advocate,
No.645/13A, B M Road, V V Puram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-04.

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳು ಅಂದರೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಸಿಂಗಸಂದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.1/3, ರ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 0.07.04 ಗುಂಟೆ, ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.3/2, ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 1 ಎಕರೆ 03 ಗುಂಟೆ, ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.19 ರ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 1 ಎಕರೆ 30 ಗುಂಟೆ, ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.24, ರ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 0.28.00 ಗುಂಟೆ, ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.28 ರ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 3 ಎಕರೆ, ಮತ್ತು ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.57/2 ರ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 0.25.00 ಗುಂಟೆ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಕವಿತ ಜಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ವಾಸ: ಸಿಂಗಸಂದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರ ತಮ್ಮನಾದ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಜಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಜಂಟಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ, ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳು ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ಆನೇಕಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಸಲು ದಾವೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.566/2014 ರಂತೆ ಡಿಕ್ರಿ ಮುಖೇನ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಸದರಿ ರಂತೆ ಡಿಕ್ರಿಯಂತೆ ಎಂ.ಆರ್.ಹೆಚ್18/2014-15 ರಂತೆ ಇಬ್ಬರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಂದಾಯ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದು ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾನುಭವದಲ್ಲಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಯಾರು ಸಹ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷದಾರರ ಅನುಮತಿಯಿಲ್ಲದೇ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬಾರದೆಂದು ಈ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಮುಖೇನ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಮುಂದುವರೆದು ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ಮಾಡಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ವ್ಯವಹಾರವು ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬಂಧಾಯುಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಡಿ.ಪಿ. ಸಂಪತ್, ವಕೀಲರು
ಕಛೇರಿ ವಿಳಾಸ: ನಂ.5, ಯಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್, ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ಟೌನ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು -562106.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the information of the general public that, my client Smt. Pushpalatha. B. K, W/o Sri. T. Lokesh, R/at No. 72/3, Balaji Layout, BEL 2nd Stage, Byadarahalli, Magadi Main road, Vishwaneedam Post, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 091 entered into an agreement of sale dated 25.09.2025 with one Sri. Ramachandrappa S/o late Bheemanna intending to purchase the below mentioned property which is more-fully described in the schedule hereunder and herein after referred as the schedule property.
Through this public notice, public at large are hereby informed that, not to enter into any type of transaction i.e., sale deed, gift deed, agreement of sale, mortgage etc in respect of schedule property with from Sri. Ramachandrappa S/o late Bheemanna or his legal heirs, agents, assignees etc. Anybody having any claim or objection in respect of schedule property shall lodge their objection/claim with the under signed on or before 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it will presumed that, nobody have any type of objection/claim regarding the purchase of the schedule property by my client Smt. Pushpalatha. B. K, W/o Sri. T. Lokesh.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the vacant site bearing property No. 25, vide old Gramatana katha No. 191/1, 192, 193, 194/1, 194/2, present Gramatana katha No. 208/1, 208/2, 208/3 and 208/4, measuring East to West: 80 feet, North to south 50 feet, totally measuring to an extent of 4000 Sq.ft under the jurisdiction of Taverekere Grama Panchayath, situated at Yelachaguppe Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru south Taluk, and bounded on:
East by : Road,
West by : The pit,
North by : Site No. 26,
South by: Site No. 24

SHRIDHAR .P, Advocate
No. 681, 2nd main, 13th Cross, Kaveripura, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560 079.
Mob.No. 9035538878

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A.NO.1155/2021
A/c No. 916030015329337

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant
AND
Mr.Malnad Cashew Industries ...Defendants

To,
5. K.A.Ibrahim, S/o K. ABDULLA, Door No.29, Chengala Gram Panchayat, Kasaragod, Kerala- 671 541.
6.M/S Priya Cashew industries, Partnership firm, Represented by its partners Office at door no.1-2-46, Panemajalu, Maanthoor post, Savanoor village, Puttur-574 202.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(Viii)OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 2,59,63,181.73/-** (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Nine Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand One Eighty One Rupees And Seventy Three Paisa Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.
The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **28.08.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day **28.01.2026.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

E-Tender Notice No. : C-SG -PT-ABS-ISG-NW-MOO, Dated : 14-02-2026. PUB/1952

Deputy Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer / Project / Tele / Secunderabad acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Tender Number and Date : C-SG-PT-ABS-ISG-NW-MOO, Dated : 14-02-2026. **Name of Work :** Supply and Installation of Equipontential Bonding of conducting parts of the electrical installation (High Power Gas Discharge Tube) as per RDSO Earthing Scheme for ABS Huts in the NW-MOO section of Guntakal Division. **Estimated Project Cost :** Rs. 55,43,245.00/-. **Bid Security :** Rs. 1,10,900.00/-. **Completion Period of Work :** 6 Months. **Bid Closing Date (Bid Due Date) :** 17-03-2026 at 15:00 hours. **Bid Opening Date :** 17-03-2026 after 15:00 hours. **Validity of Offer :** 90 Days from Bid Closing Date. **Cost of Tender Booklet :** Rs. 0/-.

All bidding is in Indian Railway e-tendering portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** Manual offers are not allowed against this tender. Further details can be seen in **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, (Projects/Tele), Secunderabad.
A2481

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my clients Mr.Karthikeyan Rangarajan S/o Late.R.P.Rangarajan & Mrs.Rakshitha.B, W/o Mr.Karthikeyan Rangarajan residing at No.946/2, 8th Main Road, Prakash Nagar, Srirampuram, Bangalore - 560021. Propose to purchase the Schedule Property herein from the owner Mr.Maruthi Durgappa Adey @ Maruthi Adey, S/o Mr.Durgappa Adey, residing at No.420, 2nd A Cross, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, West of Chord Road, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079.
Any person or persons having any claim/s on the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof with the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing No.420, assigned Corporation No.420, PID No.19-3-420, BBMP E-PID No.1245651791, situated at 6th Main, 2nd A Cross, 3rd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079 together with building measuring 1849.998 consisting Ground, First and Second Floor thereon, within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike, Ward No.100, Basaveshwaranagar Sub Division, built of RCC roofing, brick wall with cement mortar, vitrified flooring, teak wood doors and windows, with water, light, sanitation and including all rights and privileges thereto and the property measuring :
East to West : 40 Feet, North to South : 30 Feet
Total Area : 1200 Square Feet and bounded as follows - East by : Site No.399
West by : Road
North by : Site No.421
South by : Site No.419

GR ASSOCIATES - Mr.A.P.GURURAJ - Advocate
No.1981, 8th Main "E" Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar Bangalore-560010 M-9980100658 | 080 49923190

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT, BANGALORE

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

O.A. No. 756 / 2022

Between
Bank of Baroda ....Applicant
Adugodi.
And
M/s. STALIA AUTHOMOTIVE AND OTHERS ....Defendants

ISSUE SUMMONS UNDER SECTION 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19(1) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for recovery a sum of **Rs. 78,28,000/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand only) together with current and future intrest and other reliefs.
You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on the date of **20.03.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or why a pleader/ advocate duly instituted as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and deteremained in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the day **5.2.2026**

by order of the Tribunal
Registrar
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

To,
1. Mrs. JAYACHITHRA .S
W/o. M. Javare Gowda,
Residing at Flat No. 3A, 3rd Floor, "Royal Enclave" Apartment, Site No. 36, Gubbalala Main Road, Royal Country, Gubbalala, Subramanyapura, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore- 560 062. **Defendants No. 2**
2. Mr. JAVAREGOWDA M.,
Door No. 5, Ashirvada Nilaya, Dr. Shiva Ramakaranth Road, 18th Main Road, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore - 560 070. **Defendants No. 3**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I BANGALURU.

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House
Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

O.A No. 1655/2024

BETWEEN:
UNION BANK OF INDIA
Sanjayanagar Branch, Bengaluru-560094. **.........Applicant**
Versus
Smt. Mani, Prop. of M/s. SM Garments. ....Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VII) OF THE RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANT

To.
Smt. Mani, Aged about 41 years, **W/o Sri. Hanumantharaya,** Propritrix of **M/s S.M. Garments,** Having business address at HS No.238A, Chikkasandra, Dasarahalli, BENGAURU-560057. **Also at:-** No.238, Reddamma Kote, Opp to Yelahanka Railway Station, Yelahanka Bangalore-560064. **Also at:-** No.3, Kuduregere Main Road, Anjana Circle, Thotadaguddadahalli, Bengaluru-560073. PAN:- CSSPM0084N, Ph:- 8951085774 & 6361667236. Email:- itsraya1979@gmail.com
Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section.19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act.1993 against the defendants for recovery of sum of **₹. 21,27,356.73/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Six and Seventy Three paise only)** together with current and future interest and other relief/s. You are hereby required to show cause within **30 days** from the date of publication of this summons or on **17.04.2026 at 10.30** a.m. in the forenoon in person or by pleader/ advocate duly instructed, as to why the relief/s prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal Tribunal on this 18th day of the month September in the year 2025

By Order Of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I
At Bangalore

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Smt.BHARATHI.B PATIL** D/o B.T.Patil, Residing at No.303, No.43, Pragathi Mansion, Margosa Road, Mallesharam, BANGALORE-intends to purchase the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **SRI.PYDA SASI KIRAN.,** S/o.late Pyda Sekharaiah he having acquired the same by way of **SALE DEED** dated **15.04.2025.**
If anyone having Claim right over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** may intimate the same to the undersigned within 07 Days failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **SITE NO.33,** formed in Sy.No.34P, having its PID No.6000074864, vide conversion order No.ALN.[NA][HH]SR/6/2011-12, Situated at **"Sri Balaji Lake View** Phase-1, Byalakere Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Presently within the limits of BDA .Measuring: East to West 10 Mtrs & North to South [15.15+15.50]/2mtrs in all measuring **153.25 Sq Mtrs.** And bounded on East By:Site No.34 and 35, West By:Site No.32, North By:Road, South By:Sy.No.37/2

B.B.SUDHIR, Advocate
No:334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, **BANGALORE-560038**
Mob:98450 22593

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-2)

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

DEMAND NOTICE
(NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.)

RC/854/2019 IN OA NO. 816-2017
SVC CO OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
Versus
SRI. NARAYANA (DECEASED)

In the Matter of:
(CH) SVC CO OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED Banashankari Branch, 292, 7th Block, 4th Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, 100 Feet Road, Bengaluru 560085. ....Certificate Holder
Vs
(CD-1) Legal Heirs Of Deceased Sri.Narayana
(LR-1) Mrs. Mayamma W/o. Late. Narayana, No.68, Kempamma Layout, Near Nandhini Milk Centre, Brightway School Main Road, Gowdanapalya, Bangalore-560085.
(LR-2) Mr. Suriyanarayana S/o. Late Narayana, No.68, Kempamma Layout, Near Nandhini Milk Centre, Brightway School Main Road, Gowdanapalya, Bangalore-560085.
(LR-3) Mr. Bhagavan S/o. Late Narayana, No.68, Kempamma Layout, Near Nandini Milk Centre, Brightway School Main Road, Gowdanapalya, Bangalore-560085.
(LR-4) Mr. Shesha Sayee @ Shesha Sai S/o. Late Narayana No.68, Kempamma Layout, Near Nanddhini Milk Centre, Brightway School Main Road, Gowdanapalya, Bangalore-560085.
(LR-5) Mrs. Jayanthi D/o. Late Narayana, 1st Cross Behind KEB Office, Siddarth Nagar Also Known As Ambedkar Nagar, Maddur Town, Mandya District.
(LR-6) Mrs. Pushpa D/o. Late Narayana Dolahalli Village, Ganalu Post, Kanakapura Taluk,Ramanagara District.
(LR-7) Mrs. Vijaya D/o. Late Narayana No.68, Kempamma Layout, Near Nandini Milk Centre, Brightway School Main Road, Gowdanapalya, Bangalore-560085.
(LR-8) Mrs. N.Sharada D/o. Late Narayana No.68, Kempamma Layout, No. 4/2, First Main, Vinayaganagara Kengeri Satellite (Kengeri Upanagara) Kengeri, Bangalore.
(LR-9) Mrs.Swarana Joythi D/o. Late Narayana No.4/2, Ist Main, Vinayaka Nagara, Kengeri Satellitte (Kengeri Upanagara) Bangalore. ......Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in OA/816/2017 an amount of **Rs. 40,48,450.62** (Rupees Forty Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty And Paise Sixty Two Only) along with pendentellite and future interest as per the RC from **09/08/2017** till realization in full and costs of **Rs.43,255/-** (Forty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Five Only) has become due jointly, severally and personally from the Certificate Debtors.
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **27/01/2026 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **17.12.2025.**
You are directed that the payment made if any by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the Payment position regularly.
The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the Verification of the Recovery officer . You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars where from the recovery of the debt is to be made.

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993(Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2. Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.
3. You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

Sd/- Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT-2)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client, **Mrs. Rita Marian,** W/o. Edwin Gnanaoli Selvarajan, is the absolute and sole owner of the property bearing No. 37/10, 11th Cross, 17th Main, Gajendra Nagara, Bangalore- 560026, bearing Old PID No. 41-31-37/10, New e-PID No. 9613732272, Ward No. 157-Gali Anjaneya Swamy Temple Ward. She has duly executed a Power of Attorney appointing Ms. Fathima Tara Marian as her lawful attorney, thereby authorizing her to manage, lease, and enter into rental agreements in respect of the aforesaid property on her behalf.
Any person(s) entering into any lease, rental, or other agreement concerning the said property with any individual other than the abovementioned authorized signatory shall do so at their own risk and peril. My client hereby disclaims any and all liability arising from such unauthorized or fraudulent transactions. Any such agreement shall be deemed null and void, and the persons concerned shall be liable for appropriate legal action.

SRIKANTH .B.G, Advocate
Off at: - #65/1B, 1st Floor, Near Narayana E-Techno School, Ayyappanagar, K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560036

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Property described in Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred as Schedule Property from its owner MR. Y. SIVAKUMAR son of Mr. Yuvaraj, residing at No. 37, 2nd B Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Near Banaswadi Bible Church, Banaswadi, Bangalore -560 043.
Claims, Objections if any for the proposed transaction of sale may be lodged with documentary proof-evidence with the undersigned within **7 days** from this date, failing which it shall be presumed that nobody has got any claim over the Schedule Property and my client shall proceed to finalize the transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Site No. 8, P.I.D. No. 3599090712 (Old House List Katha No.235/1), comprised in Survey No. 96/4, situated at Horamavu Agara Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet (12.2 meters), North to South 40 feet (12.2 meters), thus totally measuring 1600 Sq. Ft., (148.6 Sq. Mtrs.) and bounded on the: **East by:** Site No. 6, **West by :** Site No. 9, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.6.
The Schedule Property is presently under the administrative Jurisdiction of Ward No. 25- Horamavu, Bangalore East City Corporation.

Baptist D'Souza, B.Com., LL.B.,**- Advocate,**
No. 15/36, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore – 560 047. **Mobile:9845004974**
Place: Bangalore
Date:-16.02.2026

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (II FL-H FL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) mad with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower dears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs. charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Chikkamogashetty Aruna Mr. Chikkamaga Shetty Kiran Mr. Chikkamogashetty Mrs. Manchamma Manvitha Fasion Ladies Tailor **Prospect No. IL10329825**	All that piece and parcel of E-Swattu site no 152900101300100475, khaneshumari no 338/276/2/148/1, situated at Kodambahalli village, Virupakshi hobli, Channapattana tq, Ramnagar district, Karnataka -562160 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area,Carpet _Area Property Area: 3100.00, 1890.00,1512.00 Bounded By: North: Halla And Sy No 11 South: Road East: House Of Mrs. Madamma (Not Numbered) West: House Of Mr. Chowdashetty (Not Numbered)	₹2042967.00/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh FortyTwo Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Seven Only)	14/08/ 2025	11/02/ 2026

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** 1st Floor, Manjunatha Sankeema, BM Road, Ijoor, Ramanagara-562159 **or Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place : Ramnagar; Date : 17.02.2026 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

IDFC FIRST Bank
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	10193360820 & 10193029252	BBG	1. M/s Krishna Sewing Solutions 2. Hemanth Kumar K 3. Apoorva M	09.02.2026	INR 2,42,47,151.00/-

Property Address : Item No. 1: All That Piece And Parcel Of A Residential Vacant Site No. 147, Measuring East To West: 12.2 Meters, North To South: 9.14 Meters, Totally Measuring 111.51 Sq. Meters Carved Out Of The Residentially Converted Lands Bearing Sy.nos. 33, 34/1, 37/1A, 37/1B2, 37/1B3, 37/2, 38/3, 38/4, 38/6, 38/7, 41/1, 41/2, 42, 54/7, 54/8, 54/9 And 55/1, Situated At Marashettyhalli Village, The Layout Known Sapthamathruka Layout Phase-4, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore, Karnataka-570010, And Bounded On: **East By : Private Property, West By : Road, North By : Site No. 146, South By: Site No. 148**
Item No. 2: All That Piece And Parcel Of Site No. 38 J At Pruthvinagara Layout, Measuring East To West 9.14 Meters And North To South 12.2 Meters (total 111.51 Square Meters), Situated In Yandahalli Village, And Madapura Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Developed In The Lands Bearing Sy.nos. 40/1, 40/2, 44/2, 48/1, 76/5, 68/2, 79, 80, 83/1, 84/1 And 84/5 In Yandahalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk And Sy. Nos. 1/7, 1/8, 6/2, 11/2, 11/3, 12/2, 12/4, 13/2, 13/4, 18/1 And 24/1 In Madapura Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore, Karnataka-571125, And Bounded On The: **East By : Site No. 38-I, West By : Site No. 38-K, North By : Site No. 38-G And 38-H, South By: Road**
Item No. 3: All That Piece And Parcel Of The House Property Bearing No. 22 Built On Site No. 22 Having Bbmp Khatha No. 22/85/22, (old No. 85/22), Developed By Lokaseva Housing Co-operative Society Limited In Sy.nos. 24 And 25, Situated At Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, The Layout Approved By Bda, Measuring East To West 41 Feet And North To South 30 Feet Totally Measuring 1230 Sq. Ft. Now Within Bbmp Ward No. 130, Karnataka-560056, And Bounded On: **East By : Road, West By : Site No. 17, North By : Site No. 23, South By: Site No. 21**
The Property Consists Of Stilt, Ground Floor, 1st Floor And 2nd Floor Totally Measuring 277.32 Square Meters Of R.C.C. Roof Building And Marbles And Vitrified Flooring Having Electricity, Water And Sanitary Connections.

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)
Date : 17.02.2026
Place : Mysore, Karnataka

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Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/CON/258728_258729 **Date: 12/02/2026**

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

Sl.No.	Brief Name of work	Est. Value (Rs)
1	Upgradation & Renovation works of SHAR Hospital building (GF, FF &SF) at SDSC SHAR.	208 Lakhs
2	Extension of RR Masonry Compound wall at SDSC SHAR (SMPC-1 Gate to COP Area).	907 Lakhs

Last date for sale (Tender documents can be downloaded) up to **23/02/2026 14:30 hrs for Sl no. 01 & 02/03/2026 14:30 hrs for Sl no.02**. For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website **https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and tender free view at **https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro** .
Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/ SDSC SHAR

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice of 30 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India (secured Creditor)** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is " and "whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Name and address of the (Borrower / Co-Obligant): 1. The Borrower/Co-obligant: (a) Mr. Umesh S N S/o Late Shri. Narasaiah Siddanahosahalli, Mdanayakanahalli, Madavara Post, Dasanapura hobli, Bengaluru-562123. **Alternate Address: M/s. S N N Earth Movers,** Siddanahosahalli Village,Lakshmipura road, DasanapuraHobli, Bengaluru-562123. **(b) Mrs. Narasamma (Co-obligant) W/o Late Shri. Narasaiah,** No 224, Near S N N Umesh Building Maramma Temple, Siddanahosahalli, Madanayakanahalli, Madavara Post, Dasanapura hobli, Bengaluru-562123. **Amount due: Rs.2,53,96,768.00 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Three Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight Only) as on 31.01.2026** and further interest / cost / expenses thereon.

Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site Sy. No. 11/4, situated at Siddanahosahalli Village, Lakshmipura Road, DasanapuraHobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru- 562123 measuring East to West : 86 feet and North to South : 56 feet in all measuring 4816 Sq. Ft together with Residential/Commercial building (Ground Floor + 3 Upper Floors, measuring 1862 Sq Ft each) and bounded on :**East by:** PWD Road, **West by:** Property of Gangalakshmi, **North by:** Sy. No, 11/3, **South by:** Sy. No, 11/5

Reserve price: Rs.4,34,77,500.00 (Four Crore Thirty Four Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred only)
EMD Payable: Rs.43,47,750.00 (Forty Three Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only) 10% of the Reserve Price
Date & Time of auction: 27-03-2026, Friday from 12:00 Noon to 05:00PM (with 10 minutes unlimited auto extensions)
E-auction website- https://baanknet.com

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.unionbankofindia.bank.in/auction-property/viewauction-property.aspx.

For Auction related queries- mail ID: ubin0816604@unionbankofindia.bank.in or contact Branch Manager, Union Bank of India, Dasarahalli Branch, Senior Manager, **Mr. Rajasekaran Ram** on mobile phone No. **9994875588.**

Date: 13.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru
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Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Ukraine, Russia hold Geneva talks with little hope of peace

KYIV

A Ukrainian delegation was heading to Geneva on Monday for another round of US-brokered talks with Russian officials, ahead of next week's fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbour. There was no anticipation of any significant progress on ending the war at the Tuesday-Wednesday meeting in Switzerland as both sides appear to be sticking to their negotiating positions on key issues, despite the United States setting a June deadline to reach a settlement.

The future of Ukrainian land that Russia occupies or still covets is a central issue.

Ukrainian defenders remain locked in a war of attrition with Russia's bigger army along the roughly 1,250-kilometer front line. Ukrainian civilians endure Russian aerial barrages that repeatedly knock out power and smash homes, while Ukraine has developed drones that can fly deep into Russian territory and strike oil refineries and arms depots.

The governor of western Russia's Bryansk region said Monday that air defenses had shot down 229 Ukrainian drones in the previous 24 hours. No other Russian region has come under as many simultaneous drone attacks in a single day, Gov Alexander Bogomaz said. Ukraine's Air Force, meanwhile, said Russia launched 62 long-range strike drones and six missiles of various types at Ukraine overnight.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Monday that the talks in Geneva will deal with a "broader range of issues related to the territories and other issues connected to the demands that we have." He didn't elaborate on the issues.

A year of peace efforts by US President Donald Trump's administration has failed to stop the fighting. Western officials and analysts say Russian President Vladimir Putin believes that time is on his side, that Western support for Ukraine will peter out and that Ukraine's resistance will eventually collapse under pressure.

Gen Kyrylo Budanov, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's chief of staff, posted a photograph on Telegram showing himself standing next to a train with other members of the negotiating team, which is due to be led in Geneva by Rustem Umerov, Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council chief. *AP*

N Korea builds homes for war dead families

SEOUL: North Korea said on Monday that it completed a new housing district in Pyongyang for families of North Korean soldiers killed while fighting alongside Russian forces in Ukraine, the latest effort by leader Kim Jong Un to honour the war dead. State media photos showed Kim Jong Un walking through the new street — Saeppyol Street — and visiting the homes of some of the families with his increasingly prominent daughter as he pledged to repay the "young martyrs" who "sacrificed all to their motherland."

Russian attacks cut heat to 1,600 buildings

KYIV: Around 1,600 buildings in Kyiv remained without heat Sunday after a barrage of Russian attacks on energy infrastructure, officials said, as Ukraine's army claimed a strike on a key oil terminal in Russia. Authorities in the Ukrainian capital say around 1,100 residential buildings and 500 other buildings were still without heat in Kyiv, in the midst of a gruelling winter of war. Russia's recent attacks have sparked Ukraine's worst energy crisis, leaving hundreds of thousands of homes without heat or electricity as temperatures fall to -20C.

BNP leader says ties with India won't be held captive to Hasina extradition

Yunus steps down as Rahman to take oath today at Parliament's South Plaza, not Bangabhaban

DHAKA

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir has said that Bangladesh's relationship with India will not be "held captive" over the issue of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, who has been living in India since her removal from power in 2024.

In media interactions, Fakhrul emphasised that BNP will pursue projects that serve Bangladesh's interests and will not be deterred from deepening development partnerships with India, *The Daily Star* reported.

"We believe that Hasina has really committed serious human rights violations. There is a popular demand to punish her, and we believe that India should hand her over to us. But not handing over Sheikh Hasina to Bangladesh will not be a deterrent to building broader relation including trade and commercial ties. We want to build even better ties," he said. Bangladesh's interim government had repeatedly urged India to hand over Hasina and senior Awami League leaders who fled after the 2024 uprising, but India has not responded so far. "America and China have many difficulties in bilateral ties, yet they are working with each other. We should not stick to just one issue in India-Bangladesh relations," he said.

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir

"We can't fight a war with India. We need to talk. Those who talk about fighting India are speaking like insane," the veteran BNP leader said.

Alongside BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman, Fakhrul has reached out to political rivals, including Jamaat-e-Islami and the National Citizen Party, stressing reconciliation.

Meanwhile, interim leader Muhammad Yunus stepped down on Monday in a farewell broadcast to the nation before handing over to an elected government as Tarique Rahman will take oath as new Prime Minister on Tuesday after leading his party to a forceful victory in the crucial general elections.

Breaking with a long-standing tradition, the swearing-in ceremony of the 60-year-old Bangladesh Nationalist Party Chairman would be held at the South Plaza of the Parliament Complex instead of Bangabhaban.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin will administer the oath to the new cabinet members at the South Plaza of the Jatiya Sangsad on Tuesday afternoon, state-run BSS news agency reported on Monday. *PTI*

Four minority MPs, including two Hindus, win on BNP tickets

DHAKA: Four minority candidates, including two Hindus and two Buddhists, were elected to Bangladesh's parliament on Bangladesh Nationalist Party tickets in the recent general elections as the party prepares to form the government. Goyeshwar Chandra Roy and Nitai Roy Chowdhury won from Dhaka and Magura, defeating Jamaat-e-Islami rivals. Roy is on the BNP standing committee, while Chowdhury is a vice-president and strategist. Saching Pru of the Marma community won in Bandarban, and Dipen Dewan of the Chakma group won in Rangamati; Dewan is often described as Hindu. Hindus form about 8% of the 170-million population. The Election Commission said 79 minority candidates contested the polls. Led by Tarique Rahman, the BNP won 209 seats, Jamaat 68, and the National Citizen Party six.

WHEN CELEBRATION TURNS FATAL

Fire performers carry a dragon as part of celebrations ahead of Lunar New Year in Beijing. Authorities reported that a Jiangsu shop blast killed eight people and injured two after improper fireworks use, triggering ministry calls for stricter supervision of production, sales and use before the Spring Festival holiday | AP

Rubio backs Viktor Orban's re-election bid in Hungary

BUDAPEST

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Monday enthusiastically endorsed Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban's bid to serve a fifth straight term after upcoming elections in April, emphasising during a visit to Budapest the strong personal relationship between the nationalist leader and US President Donald Trump.

Orban, who has led Hungary since 2010, is one of Trump's most vocal supporters in the European Union, and has actively curried the US president's favour leading up to the April 12 vote in which he will face the toughest challenge of his last 16 years in power.

Rubio was in the Hungarian capital for meetings with Orbán and his government where he signed an agreement on US-Hungarian civilian nuclear cooperation that includes the possible purchase of compact nuclear reactors — known as small modular reactors or SMRs — as well as US-supplied nuclear fuel and spent fuel storage technology.

At a news conference in Budapest, Rubio said US-Hungary relations — which both he and Orbán described as experiencing a "golden age" under Trump — go beyond mere diplomatic cooperation. "I'm going to be very blunt with you," Rubio said. "The prime minister and the president have a very, very close personal relationship and working relationship, and I think it has been beneficial to our two countries." *AP*

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban shake hands after a news conference in Budapest, Hungary | AP

ASIA MATTERS

MALAYSIA

FOOD SUPPLY STABLE DESPITE FESTIVALS

Food supplies of key staples will remain sufficient and stable despite higher demand during Chinese New Year and the Ramadan period, the agriculture ministry said. It reported no serious disruptions, citing close monitoring from production to distribution. Authorities are boosting domestic output, coordinating logistics and running direct sales. Chicken, eggs, meat, fish, vegetables and fruit are expected to meet demand. Under a nationwide sales programme, hundreds of discounted markets have been held, offering food at 10–30% below market prices.

INDONESIA

1ST AIRCRAFT CARRIER DUE THIS YEAR

The navy expects to receive its first aircraft carrier, the decommissioned Italian vessel ITS *Giuseppe Garibaldi*, before the Oct 5 military anniversary. The navy chief said efforts are under way to ensure the ship arrives in time for the commemoration, marking a milestone for the country's naval capability and defence profile.

THAILAND

TEMPLE FIRE AND WILDFIRES RAISE ALARM

A fire and explosion were reported near Ta Muen Thom Temple along the Cambodia border after flames likely from forest burning ignited old ammunition, officials said. The site was about 80 metres from the temple. No injuries were reported and authorities are investigating. Separately, severe wildfires are spreading toward Sai Yok National Park, with dense fire clusters in nearby forests and strong winds worsening risks. Special firefighting teams have been deployed to high-risk zones to contain the blazes and protect forest resources. Officials maintain close monitoring.

EU to participate in Trump's 'Board of Peace' meet, though not as a member

BRUSSELS

THE European Union will take part in this week's inaugural meeting of Donald Trump's "Board of Peace", but a spokesman insisted Monday that Brussels would not be joining as a member.

The European Commissioner for the Mediterranean, Dubravka Suica, will head to Washington to represent the EU at the meeting on Thursday.

"She will participate in the meeting of the Board of Peace for the specific part dedicated to Gaza. Let me stress that the European Commission, it's not becoming a member to the Board of Peace," EU spokesman Guillaume Mercier said.

He added the EU executive was participating as part of its "long-standing commitment" to the implementation of the Gaza ceasefire and "to support the reconstruction and the post-recovery in Gaza", he added.

The Board of Peace, of which Trump is the chairman, was initially designed to oversee the Gaza truce and reconstruction after the war between Hamas and Israel.

But its purpose has since morphed into resolving all sorts of international conflicts, triggering fears the US president wants to create a rival to the UN.

Some EU member states have raised concerns about the board.

"We still have a number of questions regarding several elements in the Board of Peace: one concerning its scope, two concerning its governance, and three, its compatibility with the UN Charter," EU spokesman Anouar El Anouni said. *AFP*

Israel land move in West Bank draws outrage

JERUSALEM: Israel has approved a process to register West Bank land as state property, prompting Arab and European criticism that it could speed annexation. The foreign ministry said the move aims to clarify ownership and address unlawful registrations. Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar and Egypt called it illegal, while the European Union urged reversal. The Palestinian Authority warned it marks annexation and undermines prospects for a future Palestinian state. The process applies to Area C, about 60% of the West Bank under Israeli control. Rights groups say it could dispossess Palestinians, expand settlements and alter the territory's demography.

EXPRESS READ

Syria halts return of Oz families from IS-linked camp

ROJ CAMP: Syrian authorities on Monday turned back 34 Australian women and children who had left the Roj camp in northeastern Syria to return home. The group from 11 families had planned to travel to Damascus and fly to Australia, but were told their departure procedures were incomplete and were sent back. Camp officials said the effort was arranged by relatives, not Canberra. Australian officials were unavailable for comment. Roj houses about 2,200 people of 50 nationalities, mostly women and children with alleged Islamic State links. Many are not charged but remain in guarded camps run by Kurdish-led forces. Repatriations remain rare as countries weigh security and humanitarian concerns.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU (ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT, 1956.
AND IN THE MATTER IF THE M/s MAXWORTH REALITY INDIA LIMITED
COP No.14/2016

BETWEEN: SMT AMBUJA, PROPRIETRIX M/S AVINASHI ADS, OUT DOOR ADVERTISING HAVING ITS OFFICE AT NO.4, 3RD MAIN, GMR LAYOUT, GEDDALAHALLI (ABOVE RELIANCE FRESH) SANJAYNAGAR MAIN ROAD, BENGALURU-560 094. REP BY GPA HOLDER MR ANNARAYA S TALWAR, S/O LATE SHIVARAYA, AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS ...**PETITIONER**

AND: M/S MAXWORTH REALITY INDIA LTD, HAVING ITS OFFICE AT KMP HOUSE, No.12/2 YAMUNA BAI ROAD, MADHAVANAGAR, BANGALORE 560 001. REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR Sri.K.Keshava ...**RESPONDENT**

NOTICE OF ADMISSION OF COMPANY PETITION

Notice hereby given that the above Company petition filed under sections 433(e) and (f) of the Companies Act, 1956, seeking winding up of the Respondent Company M/s MAXWORTH REALITY INDIA LIMITED, was admitted by this Hon'ble court on 23.01.2026.

The said petition is posted for hearing on **06-03-2026** before this Hon'ble court.

All creditors, contributories and any other persons interested in the affairs of the Respondent Company who desires to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition should send their objections or representations, if any, in writing to the Advocate for the Petitioner at the address mentioned below, so as to reach not later than 10 days prior to the date of hearing of the petition.

Any such person may also appear at the hearing of the petition either in person or through an advocate for purpose of supporting or opposing the petition.

A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges.

Advocate for Petitioner: **KALYAN .R**
No.5, Venkateshwara Nilaya, 3rd Floor, 4th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560002.
Phone No. 9880082522,
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Date:16-02-2026

Canara Bank,
ARM Branch I
2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

AUCTION CANCELED

Please reffer the Sale Notice Published in The New Indian Express & Udayakala News Paper on 24.01.2026 Borrower Name : Mahalakshmi Constructions, Auction held on 27.02.2026. **This auction Cancelled.**

Date : 16.02.2026 **Sd/-**
Place : Bangalore **Authorised Officer**

IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL, AT BENGALURU.
G AND W.C.No. 124/2026

BETWEEN : SRI. SUNIL KUMAR K.J. Aged 37 years, S/o Javariah, Residing at No.224, Kommaghata Village, Veerabhadranagara, Sulikere Post, Kengeri, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560060 ...**Petitioner**

AND : SMT. K CHAITHRA Aged 30 years,W/o Sunil Kumar K J, D/o Krishnaraju, No 174, AGS Layout, Manganahalli Main Road, Ullalu Post. Ullalu upanagar. Bengaluru-560056 ...**Respondent**

(Master Manikya K.S
Minor is in the custody of respondent)

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the above-named Petitioner has instituted the present Petition under section 9 of the Guardian and Wards Act. 1890 seeking to appoint the petitioner as the guardian of the minor child, namely Master Manikya K.S.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before II Additional Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **07th March 2026 at 11 am** to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 13/2/26

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Senior Civil Judge Court
Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore

ADDRESS OF THE ADVOCATE
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Starmer draws a red line on child safety in digital world, tightens rules

LONDON

THE UK on Monday unveiled tougher online safety norms to protect children against the harmful effects of AI chatbots and social media.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer warned that no online technology firm will get a free pass as the government acts to keep kids safe while they navigate a digital world that is shaped by powerful platforms, addictive design and fast-moving tech.

It includes action to shut a legal loophole and force all AI chatbot providers to abide by illegal content duties under the UK Online Safety Act, or face penalties.

A consultation will also be launched to determine the action required to set a minimum age limit for social media access and restrict its harmful features like infinite scrolling. "As a dad of two teenagers, I know the challenges and the worries that parents face making sure their kids are safe online," said Starmer.

"Technology is moving really fast, and the law has got to keep up... The action we took on Grok sent a clear message that no platform gets a free pass. Today, we are closing loopholes that put children at risk, and laying the groundwork for further action. "We are acting to protect children's wellbeing and help parents to navigate the minefield of social media," he said.

His intervention follows the Elon Musk-led X platform withdrawing a controversial function which allowed non-consensual intimate images being shared on its Grok AI chatbot.

"I know that parents across the country want us to act urgently to keep their children safe online. That's why I stood up to Grok and Elon Musk when they flouted British laws and British values," said UK Technology Secretary Liz Kendall. *PTI*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
650.39 ▲	Sensex	83,277.15	₹1,310 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹156,950	₹7,000 ▼	1 kg	₹268,000	▼ Dollar		90.71
211.65 ▲	Nifty	25,682.75	₹1,200 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹143,550	₹70 ▼	10 gm	₹2,680	▲ Euro		107.64

● AI transformation will not happen by drift, requires political will: CEA ● Micron to start production at assembly, test, marking and packaging facility in Sanand

INDIA SEEKS CONSENSUS ON AI COPYRIGHT FRAMEWORK

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA is engaging with the industry to identify the right technical and legal structures to ensure that artificial intelligence (AI) does not infringe upon the copyrights of content creators, said Minister of Electronics and IT (MeitY) Ashwini Vaishnaw on Monday. The minister, in conversation with American media mogul and former diplomat Charles Rivkin at the AI Impact Summit 2026, also mentioned that India is seeking a global consensus on the copyright issue. He said protecting intellectual property rights while training AI models would require techno-legal solutions shaped through close engagement with the industry and consensus-building at the global level.

"Would a simple regulation do that? Probably, no. That would require a lot of consensus building and technological tools to be created. ... We are closely engaging with the industry to find out the right technical and legal structures for this. And this is something which will have to be taken up at a global level – this will require a consensus building across different countries," he said. Foundational models, including large language models (LLMs) and small language models (SLMs), are trained on existing content such as books, newspapers, journals, and other published material, some of which may be protected by copyright.

In recent years, the rapid growth of AI chatbots has led to tensions with authors, news organisations, and other content creators. Many allege that AI companies have used copyrighted material without permission to train their models and improve their competitive edge.

Meanwhile, S Krishnan, secretary at the Ministry of Electronics and IT, on Monday said India's first commercial semiconductor production is likely to begin by the end of February. Speaking at the summit, Krishnan said US-based Micron will commence production at its assembly, test, marking and packaging (ATMP) facility in Sanand. He added that Micron would eventually work on high bandwidth memory (HBM), which is key for AI and currently faces a global shortage. "Eventually they would be also working on high bandwidth memory, which is so important for AI."

INDIA AIMS TO BE GLOBAL AI HUB

Collective participation is key to position India as a global AI hub, said Jitin Prasada, MoS, Electronics and IT, on Monday. The minister, speaking at the AI Impact event in Delhi, also mentioned that India's ambition is not merely to be an AI consumer but to emerge as an AI service provider to the world.

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1. Protecting intellectual property rights while training AI models would require techno-legal solutions, says Vaishnaw
2. Engaging with industry to find out right technical and legal structures for copyright issue
3. Many content creators allege that AI companies have used copyrighted material without permission to train their models and improve competitive edge

Need AI adoption aligned with jobs, growth: CEA

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AI adoption can't happen by drift and requires a clear commitment to aligning technological progress with mass employability, said V Anantha Nageswaran, India's chief economic advisor, on Monday. Nageswaran, speaking virtually at the India AI Impact Summit in Delhi, emphasised that artificial intelligence could either strengthen India's development vision or weaken it, depending on how it is implemented.

"With foresight, institutional discipline, and relentless execution, India can become the first large society to demonstrate true human abundance. Artificial intelligence can either reinforce this vision or undermine it — the outcome will not be accidental," he said.

Nageswaran stressed that this transformation "will not happen by drift" and requires political will as well as strong state capacity.

He underscored that the responsibility does not lie with the government alone, calling instead for a coordinated "Team India" approach that brings together policymakers, industry leaders, educators, academics and society at large. Adopting AI, he said, must be a collaborative national effort involving the private sector and academia alongside the government.

Anthropic's India revenue doubles in 4 months as developer usage surge

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

LED by rapid growth in developer usage and increasing government adoption of artificial intelligence tools, Anthropic's business in India has doubled in just four months, according to its chief executive officer Dario Amodei.

Speaking at Anthropic's Builder Summit in Bengaluru, Amodei said, "Anthropic's business, its run rate revenue within India, has doubled over the last four months since I last visited." He added that Claude Code "may have grown even faster with this set of developers". Amodei said India stands out for the depth of developer engagement.

"One of the most unique things about India is maybe the technical intensity of the usage," he said. While the company globally sees "a mixture of consumer use and prosumer and developer use", he said usage in India skews heavily towards productivity professionals and developers.

Beyond private sector adoption, Amodei pointed to growing activity within government. He cited the Ministry of Statistics as an example, saying it is building "a kind of MCP (Model Context Protocol) server to query economic data and economic statistics". In his view, "government bodies elsewhere don't move this fast" and added that India's "entrepreneurial energy and technical acumen is unique".

Anthropic positions AI for enterprise work: CTO

Anthropic is positioning its artificial intelligence systems around productive enterprise work rather than consumer entertainment, while expanding into agent-based infrastructure to support more autonomous software systems, its chief technology officer Rahul Patil said. He said the company is "hyper-focused on productive work", including coding, finance, life sciences, biology, chemistry, physics and legal tasks.

He highlighted India's scale as a key driver of rapid experimentation. He said India's size allows teams to learn quickly, in ways not possible in smaller markets. He stated the ability of entrepreneurs and builders to learn quickly and fail fast exceeds what he has seen elsewhere.

Amodei urged firms to build for where AI models are heading rather than where they stand today. "You shouldn't build for where AI models are now. You should build for where they are in a year or two." Large enterprises, he noted, should "be imaginative about where technology is going to go".

He said some organisations are already deploying models at scale. Within Anthropic, departments such as legal, finance and accounting began using the underlying "agentic engine" behind Claude Code even before newer products were released. Amodei pointed to sectors where he expects stronger use of advanced models, including biology, medicine, finance and legal work. In software, he added, models are "starting to do multi-stage workflows", enabling humans to act as supervisors and "accelerate themselves by a factor of 10x to 100x".

Describing the current moment as "a very exciting time", Amodei said there is room for "dozens of startups" across large industries as artificial intelligence systems take on broader, more complex tasks.

TCS' data centre unit, AMD to develop AI infra in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

TATA Consultancy Services' (TCS) data centre unit HyperVault AI Data Center Ltd and US chipmaker AMD on Monday announced that they will co-develop a rack-scale AI infrastructure design based on the AMD 'Helios' platform to help India build its sovereign AI capabilities.

The Helios will be powered by AMD Instinct MI455X GPUs, next-generation AMD EPYC "Venice" CPUs, AMD Pensando Vulcano NICs and the open ROCm software ecosystem.

The Helios, combined with TCS' enterprise expertise and scale, will accelerate deployment and enhance operational efficiencies for enterprises. Both companies will offer an AI-ready data centre blueprint that can scale up to 200 MW of capacity. They will work with hyperscalers and AI companies to accelerate data centre build-outs in India.

The collaboration was announced during the India AI Impact Summit in New Delhi. Dr. Lisa Su, chair and CEO, AMD, said, "AI adoption is accelerating from pilots to large-scale deployments, and that shift requires a blueprint for compute infrastructure. With 'Helios,' we are delivering an open, rack-scale AI platform designed for performance, efficiency, and long-term flexibility.

Together with TCS, we are enabling enterprises across India to deploy AI at scale while building compute foundation of tomorrow."

K Krithivasan, MD and CEO, TCS, said, "This collaboration lays foundation for AMD's first Helios powered AI infrastructure in India. By combining our strengths in AI, connectivity, sustainable power, and advanced data centre engineering, we are poised to deliver state-of-the-art infrastructure solutions for AI companies and global enterprises. we will expand our participation in the AI ecosystem – Infrastructure to Intelligence."

Affordable housing sales decline 17% in 2nd half of 2025

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

INDIA has seen a sharp fall in sale of affordable housing segment of 17% year-on-year in the second of half of 2025. According to the Knight Frank India report, the share of residential sale in lower segment stood at 5% in H2 2025 as against 4% in H2 of 2024.

The India Real Estate: Office and Residential Market H2 2025 report states that annual sales in the Rs 5 to 10 million category fell by 8% YoY. Consequently, homes priced above ₹10 mn now dominate the landscape, leaving a comparatively much smaller footprint of affordable housing sales across India.

The sharpest fall in sale of housing units is in Delhi at 9%, and the drop in affordable housing unit sale at 25% YoY. In 2025, the overall sale of houses remained at 3,48,207, seeing a fall of 1% compared to 2024, and the sale of units priced over ₹10 million rose by 14% YoY.

According to the report, the slowdown in housing sales during 2025 was largely confined to the lower ticket segments. As per the Knight Frank report, the sale of affordable housing in H2 2024 was 42,863 units, falling to 35,897 units in H2 2025. Whereas, in 2024, the sale was 89,040 units compared to 73,694 units in 2025. In 2025, the affordable housing sector faced a major supply crunch as well as developers pivoted away from lower-ticket projects, leading to a 28% YoY drop in new launches for units priced under ₹5 million and an 9% fall in the ₹5-10 million category.

REAL ESTATE

TVS Emerald acquires three land parcels in Bengaluru and Chennai

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

CHENNAI-based real estate developer TVS Emerald has acquired three land parcels in Bengaluru and Chennai to develop residential projects in the two cities.

The acquisitions include sites in Raja Rajeshwari Nagar (RR Nagar) and Rayasandra in Bengaluru, and Kattur in Chennai, with a combined land area of 52.4 acres, the company said in a press release.

In RR Nagar, south Bengaluru, the company has acquired a 7.8-acre land parcel overlooking the Turahalli forest area for an apartment-led development with a saleable area potential of around 0.76 million sq ft. Located close to the Bengaluru–Mysuru highway, RR Nagar has emerged as one of south Bengaluru's key residential micro-markets, with access to NICE Road, Metro connectivity and established social infrastructure.

In Rayasandra, east Bengaluru, TVS Emerald has acquired 7.2 acres overlooking Rayasandra Lake for an apartment project with a saleable area potential of about 0.72 million sq ft. The Rayasandra corridor continues to benefit from its proximity to major employment hubs and sustained residential demand.

In Kattur, Chennai, the company has acquired 37.4 acres for a plotted development with a saleable area potential of approximately 0.91 million sq ft. The location aligns with the company's strategy of expanding its presence in fast-growing suburban markets, supported by infrastructure upgrades, improved connectivity and rising demand for plotted developments and second homes.

Goods trade deficit rises to $35 bn; gold import up 350%

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

INDIA'S merchandise trade deficit widened sharply to $35 billion in January, up from $24 billion in December, driven by a surge in gold and silver imports and a 23 per cent decline in exports to the US.

Merchandise exports during January remained largely flat at $35.56 billion, registering a marginal rise of 0.6 per cent year-on-year. Imports, however, jumped 19 per cent, led by a 24 per cent increase in inbound shipments from the US.

Gold imports during the month soared 350% to $12 billion, compared with $2.66 billion in the corresponding month of the previous year.

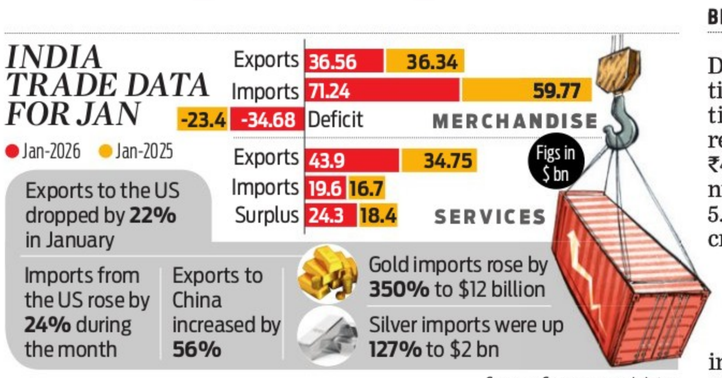
India's overall trade deficit — including both merchandise and services — also widened significantly to $10.38 billion in January 2026, nearly doubling from $5.39 billion in the same month last year. Combined exports of merchandise and services stood at $80.45 billion in January 2026, marking a 13.16 per cent increase from $71.09 billion in January 2025.

In the first 10 months of the current financial year (April–January), India's total exports reached $720 billion, while imports stood at $823 billion.

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said, "This year, we expect to cross $860 billion in total exports of merchandise and services. In services, we expect to cross $410 billion in 2025–26."

Gold imports have risen from $32.9 billion in FY2018–19 to $58.0 billion in FY2024–25, marking a 76 per cent increase over six years, according to Commerce Ministry data. However, import volumes declined from 982.7 tonnes to 757.1 tonnes during the same period — a 23 per cent reduction.

"India's gold import data shows a clear structural shift: import value has risen sharply over time, while import quantity has stagnated or declined, indicating that price increases — not volumes — are driving the surge," the Ministry said.


INDIA TRADE DATA FOR JAN
Jan-2026 Jan-2025
Exports 36.56 36.34
Imports 71.24 59.77
-23.4 -34.68 Deficit
MERCHANDISE
Figs in $ bn
Exports 43.9 34.75
Imports 19.6 16.7
Surplus 24.3 18.4
SERVICES
Exports to the US dropped by 22% in January
Imports from the US rose by 24% during the month
Exports to China increased by 56%
Gold imports rose by 350% to $12 billion
Silver imports were up 127% to $2 bn
Source: Commerce ministry

GST notices, low interest rates push up cash use

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

DESPITE high UPI transactions, the currency in circulation (CiC) continued to rise, reaching a new record high of ₹40 lakh crore in January, an annual growth of 11.1% as against 5.3% rise a year ago. On net incremental basis, CiC has more than trebled to ₹2.76 lakh crore from ₹88,517 crore.

The numbers show the futility of the note ban imposed in November 2016 when nearly 87% of the money in circulation across ₹1,000 and ₹500 rupee notes were pushed out of circulation by the RBI. Amid high CiC, high UPI transactions, high currency withdrawals through ATMs, declining currency-to-GDP ratio, and the currency with the public (CWP) also reached an all-time high of ₹39 lakh crore in January, up 11.5% as against 5.4% a year ago. Going by current trends, CWP will surpass the post-pandemic FY21 incremental growth of ₹4.6 lakh crore, says Soumya Kanti Ghosh, the group chief economic adviser at the State Bank.

JSW MG Motor to launch 4 vehicles in 2026, raise capacity to 3L units

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TO increase presence in the Indian market, JSW MG Motor is planning to launch four new models, including a plug-in hybrid SUV, in 2026. The company has already unveiled the large-sized Majestor SUV, which is expected to hit the market in April or May this year.

As part of its five-year plan to drive growth, JSW MG Motor, a joint venture between China's SAIC and Indian conglomerate JSW Group, would also invest up to ₹5,000 crore to increase production capacity to 3 lakh units annually, enhance localisation, and launch new models.

"As we are preparing for the next phase, we have created a five-year plan. The five-year plan talks about growing volumes to about 3 lakh units...We are also looking to invest anywhere between ₹4,000 crore and ₹5,000 crore, which will be towards plant expansion. It will be on products, and it will be on driving localisation. These three would be essentially where our capex will go," said JSW MG Motor Managing Director Anurag Mehrotra (*pic*).

While the Majestor SUV is an internal combustion engine (ICE) powered vehicle, the remaining three models to be launched in 2026 will all be new energy vehicles and SUVs. Three products would be in the MG channel, and one would be for the premium chain 'MG Select'.

Mehrotra stated that it would take about 18 months to do the capacity expansion. At present, the company's Halol plant in Gujarat has a current annual capacity of 1.2 lakh units. The brand recorded a 19% year-on-year sales growth at 70,554 units in calendar year 2025 compared to 2024. With 46,735 units sold during the year, MG Windsor finished 2025 as the country's best-selling electric vehicle.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE XVII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CCH-16)
P & SC 679/2025

BETWEEN: 1. MR. JOSEPH KANJIRATHINKAL KUMARSWAMY S/o Late Mr. Kumarswamy Shanmukhappa Kappi, Aged bout 54 years Residing at Flat No. 527, Floor 9, Block-D6, Kendriya Vihar Apartments, Yelahanka, Bengaluru- 560064

2. MRS. MARY KUMARSWAMY KANJIRATHINKAL D/O Late Mr. Kumarswamy Shanmukhappa Kappi Aged about 50 years, Residing at 50A Grand Drive, Remuera, Auckland-1050 New Zealand Represented by her GPA holder, the first Petitioner ... **PETITIONERS**

AND: NIL ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, **MR. JOSEPH KANJIRATHINKAL KUMARSWAMY & MRS. MARY KUMARSWAMY KANJIRATHINKAL**, have filed an application for grant of succession certificate regarding the assets left by the deceased, Late Mr. Kumarswamy Shanmukhappa Kappi and the Late Mrs. Aleyamma Kumarswamy, who died on 12.11.2024 and 19.10.2024 respectively; father and mother of petitioners herein, if any one has any objection in granting succession certificate are hereby called upon to appear before this court on **26th March 2026** at 11:00 AM either in person or by a pleader, failing which the application for succession will be disposed ex parte.

SCHEDULE OF MOVABLES

S. NO.	FUND HOUSE & SCHEME NAME	HOLDING UNITS	AVG NAV COST (IN RUPEES)	AVG COST VALUE (IN RUPEES)	CURRENT NAV (IN RUPEES)	MARKET VALUE (IN RUPEES)
1.	Aditya Birla Sun Life Large Cap Fund Regu Lar Growth	2,654.457	177.7386	4,71,799.47	548.2000	14,55,173.33
2.	Axis Elss Tax Saver Fund Growth	5,552.336	51.3284	2,84,992.52	98.9965	5,49,61.83
3.	Dsp Small Cap Regular Fund Growth	3,469.563	57.0677	1,97,999.98	197.4450	6,85,047.87
4.	Franklin India Large Cap Fund Regular Growth	1,308.362	377.4951	4,93,900.24	1,067.1709	13,96,245.85
5.	Hdfc Mid Cap Fund Regular Growth	6,873.542	89.4699	6,14,975.12	204.4580	14,04,350.65
6.	Hdfc Money Market Fund Regular Growth	135.774	5,231.8554	7,10,349.94	5,863.8402	7,96,157.04
7.	Mirae Asset Elss Tax Saver Fund Regular Growth	20,440.159	22.2594	4,54,985.68	51.2000	10,46,536.14
8.	Mirae Asset Large & Mid Cap Fund Regular Growth	6,454.451	34.4170	2,22,142.84	157.5780	10,17,079.48
9.	Nippon India Elss Tax Saver Fund Growth	7,101.735	47.5937	3,37,997.85	132.6793	9,42,253.23
10.	Nippon India Small Cap Fund Growth	4,726.227	107.0568	5,05,974.74	170.2428	8,04,606.12

ACCOUNT HOLDER'S NAME: K KUMARASWAMY
ISA ACCOUNT NO.: 000000275884
AS ON DATE: 21 NOV 2025
TOTAL MARKET VALUE: RS. 1,00,98,111.54

S.NO.	BANK NAME	BRANCH NAME	ACCOUNT NO.	IFSC CODE
1.	HDFC Bank	Yelahanka	03711570001079	HDFC0000371
2.	Canara Bank	Bangalore Yelahanka Satellite Town	1812101015242	CNRB0001812

The above is the Mutual Funds and Bank Accounts in the name of Late Mr. Kumarswamy Shanmukhappa Kappi.
Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this day 13th February 2026.
By Order of Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Adv. Aadithya K Jose
#21, Block- D6, Kendriya Vihar Apts, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064. Dated: 09-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to Develop and Sell the below mentioned properties with (1) Smt. GEETA AGGARWAL, Aged about 73 years, Wife of late Sri. Ravinder Kumar Aggarwal, (2) Sri. GAUTAM AGGARWAL, Aged about 50 years, Son of late Sri. Ravinder Kumar Aggarwal and (3) Sri. RAJAN AGGARWAL, Aged about 53 years, Son of late Sri. Ravinder Kumar Aggarwal, All are Residing at No.504 & 507, 5th Floor, Garden Apartments, Silver Oaks, Vittal Mallya Road, BENGALURU – 560 001, who have represented that they are the full and absolute owners of the Schedule Properties and they acquired the same in terms of the documents detailed below:

1. Sale Deed dated 23/09/1999 registered as Document No.2951/1999-2000 in Book-I and stored in C.D.No.YLNK16, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru in respect of portion of Schedule A Property below.
2. Sale Deed dated 23/09/1999 registered as Document No.2952/1999-2000 in Book-I and stored in C.D.No.YLNK16, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru in respect of portion of Schedule A Property below.
3. Sale Deed dated 23/09/1999 registered as Document No.2953/1999-2000 in Book-I and stored in C.D.No.YLNK16, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru in respect of portion of Schedule B Property below.
4. Sale Deed dated 23/09/1999 registered as Document No.2954/1999-2000 in Book-I and stored in C.D.No.YLNK16, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru in respect of portion of Schedule B Property below.
5. Release Deed dated 27/05/2013 registered as Document No.1507/2013-14 in Book-I and stored in C.D.No.BYPD173, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Byatarayanapura), Bengaluru in respect of portion of Schedule A Property below.
6. Release Deed dated 24/02/2014 registered as Document No.6173/2013-14 in Book-I and stored in C.D.No.KCHD159, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Kacharakanahalli), Bengaluru in respect of portion of Schedule B Property below.

Persons objecting for the proposed Development and Sale or having any rights in the Schedule Properties may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Fifteen days from the date of publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to enter into an Development Agreement in respect of below mentioned properties as if there are no claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land measuring 02 Acres 00 Guntas in Sy.No.13, situated at Navarathna Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Order of Conversion bearing No.BDIS:ALN:SR(N.A)595:95-96 dated 15/07/1996 issued by The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru and the property is bounded on:

East : Land bearing Survey No.13;
West : Land bearing Survey No.7;
North : Road; and
South : Land bearing Survey Nos.18 and 19;

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land measuring 02 Acres 32 Guntas in Sy.No.19/3, situated at Navarathna Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Order of Conversion bearing No.ALN:SR(NA):592:95-96 dated 15/07/1996 issued by The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru and the property is bounded on:

East : Land bearing Survey No.18;
West : Land bearing Survey No.19/1 and 19/2;
North : Land bearing Survey No.13; and
South : Land bearing Survey No.16;

Bangalore.
Date: 16/02/2026

Sri. MAHESHWARA PRASAD N L,
Advocate, "Arivu Advocates",
No.1, Lumbini Arcade, 1st Floor,
National High School Road,
V. V. Puram, BENGALURU – 560004.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173)
 # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospital, J C Road, Bangalore-560002
Ph : 080 2594 3678, 2594 3663. Fax : 080 2594 3664,
Email Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Account No : HTL-39662759772, Suraksha-64179059443

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **01.12.2025** and same was published in Two leading Newspaper "The New Indian Express and Samyuktha Karnataka" on 13.12.2025 and calling upon the **Borrower : Sri.Amulraj David** S/o. Sri.Rajayan No. 202, Mahaveer Homes, 3rd Block, Komaghatta Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Near Bhande Mata, Bangalore-560060. **And also at : i)** C-Block, Flat No. C-203, 1st Floor, Garden Residency Apartment, Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560105. **ii)** No. 2517, 7th "A" Main, RPC Layout, Vijayanagara 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560040. **iii)** WLD Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., (SAP India) Salarpuria Soft Zone, Near Bellandur Lake, Bangalore-560025 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs. 34,96,417/-** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen only) as on 27.11.2025 + interest from 28.11.2025 + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/mortgager(s)/ guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **13.02.2026.**

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 36,90,768/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight only) as on 11.02.2026 and interest from 12.02.2026 plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule "A" Property : (Description of the entire Property) : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Khatha No. 522/108/3 (Previously portion of property bearing Khatha No. 522/108/2 being the converted land measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas in Sy.No. 108/2), situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District (land converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Official Memorandum Dated 11.11.1992 vide No.B.DIS.ALN.SR (A) 103/1988-89, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and **bounded on the : East by :** Land in Sy.No. 108/2, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Tank Bed.

Schedule "B" Property : (Description of undivided share hereby conveyed) : 270 Sq.Ft., undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in the Schedule "A" Property here in above.

Schedule "C" Apartment (Description of Apartment hereby conveyed) : A Two Bedroom Apartment bearing C-Block, Flat No. C-203 on the First Floor, having a super built-up Area of 1089 Square Feet with one reserved car parking space in the Stilt Floor of the Apartment building known as "Garden Residency" constructed on the Schedule "A" Property, with proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common use with right to pass through all the common passages leading to read and free for egress and ingress at all times and entitled for all the common areas and amenities and the flat is held in the name of **"Sri. Amulraj David S/o Sri. Rajayan".**

Sale Deed is registered on 05.01.2019 in favour of "Sri.Amulraj David S/o Sri.Rajayan" in the office of Senior SRO Anekal, Bangalore in Book No.1 under Document No. ANK-1-06974/2018-19 and Stored in C.D.No ANKD451 dated 05.01.2019.

Date : 13.02.2026
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer and Chief Manager
State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore.

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION

MALLESHWARAM ZONE-2
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division,
1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavan, 3rd Main, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040

No. EE(VJN)TENDIKPPP/14/2025-26 Dated : 16.02.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Only through E-Procurement : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)
The Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division BWCC, Bengaluru invites Bids for the following services from reputed Consultants. Consultancy services for Project Management Consultancy for the below works.

Name of the Work : (1) Project Management Consultancy for Comprehensive Development of Multipurpose Building, Community halls and other allied works in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency. (Package VJN-01) (Action Plan No. 56, 57, 59, 63 & 64), **Project Cost : Rs. 1100.00 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 50,000/-**

(2) Project Management Consultancy for Comprehensive Development of Multipurpose Building, Play Grounds and other allied works in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency. (Package VJN-02) (Action Plan No. 62, 65 & 53), **Project Cost : Rs. 1140.00 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 50,000/-**

(3) Project Management Consultancy for Comprehensive Development of Park etc in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency. (Package-VJN-03) (Action Plan No. 49, 50 & 51), **Project Cost : Rs. 1200.00 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 50,000/-**

(4) Project Management Consultancy for Comprehensive Development of Multipurpose Building, Storm Water Drain and other allied works in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency. (Package-VJN-04) (Action Plan No. 61, 60, 52, 54, 55 & 58), **Project Cost : Rs. 1560.00 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 54,600/-**

(5) Project Management Consultancy for Comprehensive development of roads, drains and footpath of Arterial and sub arterial roads in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency. (Package VJN-01), **Project Cost : Rs. 1342.85 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 50,000/-**

(6) Project Management Consultancy for Comprehensive development of roads, drains and footpath of Arterial and sub arterial roads in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency. (Package VJN-02), **Project Cost : Rs. 1120.00 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 50,000/-**

(7) Project Management Consultancy for Comprehensive development of roads, drains and footpath of Arterial and sub arterial roads in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency. (Package VJN-03), **Project Cost : Rs. 1321.02 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 50,000/-**

Calender of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from : **18.02.2026** (2) Pre Bid Meeting : **25.02.2026 @ 15.30 hours** (3) Last date for receipt of tender documents **: 03.03.2026 @ 16.00 hours** (4) Opening of Technical Bids : **04.03.2026 @ 16.30 hours** (5) Opening of Financial bid : **Will be intimated through KPPP Portal**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Vijayanagar) BWCC, Zone-2

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Yees Vee Press Components (Borrower) Muthukrishnan Vijayapilai Kannikavathi Muhtukrishnan, (Guarantors /Mortgagor) Loan Account Number 015605017349	Krishnagiri District, Krishngairi Registration District, Hosur Sub Registration District, Hosur Taluk In, Mookondapalli Village 1: Sy.No.87/1D, Dry. Ext. Hect.0.49.0 Asst. 1.06 In This Ac.0.25 Acre or 10900 Square Feet Bounded As Follows: East: Car Track West: Remaining Land In The Same Sy.No. North: Car Track South: Sipcot Land Within These Boundaries The Above Said Extent of 0.25 Acre or 10900 Land Fully Property Comes Under New Sub Division Sy.No. 87/1D2, Dry Ext. Hec. 0.10.0 Asst. 0.22 2. Sy.No. 87/1D, Dry. Ext. Hect.0.49.0 Asst. 1.06 In This An Extent of 2190 Square Feet Bounded As Follows: East: Land Belonging To Vijai West: Land In The Same Sy.No.belonging To The Purchaser North: 10 Feet Common Road South: Sipcot Land In Midst Measuring; East To West on North Side: 36 1/2 Feet East To West on South Side: 36 1/2 Feet North To South on West Side: 60 Feet North To South on East Side: 60 Feet Totally An Extent of 2190 Square Feet of Land Fully Property Comes Under New Sub Division Sy.No. 87/3, Dry. EXT.HEC. 0.02.0 Asst. 0.06	Rs. 3,83,97,705/- As on January 02, 2026	Rs. 3,20,00,000/- / Rs. 32,00,000/-	March 05, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 24, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM
2.	CFS Enterprises (Borrower) Sayyad Salman Khan (Guarantors /Mortgagor) Loan Account Number 316951000027	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering Property Situated At Neralur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District Bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.4, Vp Khatha No.2080, Property Bearing No.152001015000620664 And 2080/4, Formed In Sy.No. 234/2a2, Bounded As Follows (Admeasuring An Area of East To West On Both Side :32 Feet , North To South on Both Side : 40 Feet , Totally 1280 Square Feet Land Fully Bounded By: on The North By: Remaining Portion of Same Site No.4 In Bg Block on The South By: Site No.3 In Bg Block on The East By: Road on The West By: Remaining Portion of Same Site No.4 In Bg Block	Rs. 2,99,81,068/- As on January 02, 2026	Rs. 62,70,000/- / Rs. 6,27,000/-	March 05, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	March 24, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com).of our auction agency M/s. NexXen Solution Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by March 23, 2026, before 04:00 PM. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at Regional Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before March 23, 2026, by 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before March 23, 2026, by 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at Regional Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before March 23, 2026, by 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Bangalore
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. on 7304918084
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s
Date : February 17, 2026 Place: Bangalore Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

HUBBALLI-DHARWAD BRTS COMPANY LTD., HUBBALLI
(Government of Karnataka)
Phone No: 0836-2222007/2222008
e-mail: hdbrtsfin@gmail.co CIN: U60200KA2012SGC063887
Tender No: HDBRTS/FIN/FD/2025-26/567 Date : 16-02-2026

Short Term E-Tender Notification Seeking Rate of Interest for Fixed Deposits (Nationalised Banks & RRBs only)

Hubballi-Dharwad BRTS Company Ltd., Hubballi intends to park/retain the Fixed Deposits. The eligibility criteria and other necessary details are available in the e-portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The interested Banks (Nationalised Banks and Regional Rural Banks only) meeting eligibility criteria may participate in the e-bidding process from **17-02-2026** and the last date to submit the bid is **26-02-2026** at 17:00 Hours.

Sd/- Managing Director
Hubballi-Dharwad BRTS Company Ltd.,
DIPR/DWD/KSMCA/1234/2025-26 **Hubballi.**

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited

(A wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal)

BESCOM invites tenders through KPP Platform from eligible Bidders against Enquiry/Indent No.: BESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT1000 for "Preventive and Breakdown maintenance of all makes of RMUs of all combination of both DAS and Non DAS RMUs in **West Circle** area of BESCOM for a period of one year extendable to one more year under Total Turnkey basis.

Bid documents available: **18.02.2026.** Last date for Bid submission: **20.03.2026, 17.00 hrs.** Opening of Bid document: **23.03.2026, 17.15 hrs.**

The Tenders can be obtained through KPP portal website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Aspiring Bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with KPP help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777) or email at **support@eprochelpdesk.com.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

For Electricity related complaints call: 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra Mobile APP

Sd/-
Chief General Manager (Ele.)
Procurement, BESCOM

KARNATAKA STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
"BEEJ BHAVAN", BELLARY ROAD, HEBBAL,
BANGALORE-560024.Phone : 080– 23415652/56
e-mail: **prodn.kssc@gmail.com**

No.KSSC/QC/5025/2025-26 Date : 13.02.2026

e-AUCTION TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: **Disposal of seeds turned unfit for "Non-seed" purpose - reg.**

The Karnataka State Seeds Corporation Limited intends to dispose-off **20111.75** qtls of Bengal gram unsold and carried over seeds available at various centres in Karnataka for non-seed purpose by the process of e-Auction platform of NCDEX e-Markets Limited. The interested parties / Firms shall register with NeML to participate in e-Auction. The detailed terms & condition and eligibility criteria, can be download from the website: **https://www.neml.in** or **www.karnataka.gov.in/kssc**

For any queries and clarifications contact:

1. Dr. M.A. Girish, General Manager (Prodn.)-9449532181
2. Smt. Arifa Attar, Manager (Prodn.) - 9663375974
3. Mr. Manjunath (NeML) - 9741693964/9742492299

Sd/- General Manager (Production)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No: CEE/Tr.(Op)ZH/SEE/EE(C)/37/2025-26/13957-63 Date: 16-02-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites tenders through KPP Portal mode from registered KPWD Civil Contractors having EPF and ESI registration and fulfilling the all other requirements as in NIT (of KPP), for the execution of following **10 No.s of Civil works (within Hassan Transmission Operation Zone jurisdiction):** Tender Indent No: **KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2594, 2598, 2602((General), 2595, 2601 (SC), 2597(ST), (all are second call) and KPTCL/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT2708,2717 (General), KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT2706, 2716(General) (all are third call).** Interested tenderers can access the KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL" or https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **17.02.2026 onwards** for detailed NIT and to participate in the tenders through e-procurement. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.,),
Transmission(Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Santhepet, B.M. Road, Hassan-573201.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYAT BELAGAVI
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, CHIKODI
Email :preckdee@gmail.com Office Phone No: 08338-272131,

No.PRE/CKD/Db/kppp/2025-26/8090 Date: 10-02-2026

Kppp- ,SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, State, Item Rate (Technical bids and Financial bids through E-Mode), E-Bids are invited for the following works through standard tender document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3, KW-4 (Standard Tender Document) from the eligible Contractors, registered in P.R.E. Department, & with kppp registration Bangalore, on "turn-key", basis only.

1]Last date of request for issue of blank E-bid document through e-Procurment Date: Other works:10-02-2026 To 23-02-2026, 2]Bid Closing & submission Date: Other works:23-02-2026 AT 04:00 PM, 3]Tender Opening Date: Other works:25-02-2026 AT 11:00 AM, 4]Pre Bid Meeting Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:24-02-2026 AT 05:00 PM, 5]Techanical Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:25-02-2026 AT 11:00 AM, 6]Financial Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:26-02-2026 AT 11:00 AM.

General Works Indent No's:24317, 24331, 24361, 24329, 24316, 24365, 24392, 24393, 24394, 24328, 24395, 24369, 24377, 23905, 23794, 23793, SC Works Indent No's:24352, 24363, 24373, 24397, 24398, ST Works Indent No's:24332, Category 1 Works Indent No's:--, Category 2A Works Indent No's:24326, 24330, 24367, 24327, 24396,

For further details, the agencies may contact the office of the undersigned, during office hours, or may visit web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1852/KSMCA/2025-26
Sd/-Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Chikodi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST

The General Public is hereby notified that our client **Smt.RATHNAMMA** is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property.
The **Possession Certificate (Hakku Patra) dated 02.11.1992 issued by Chief Officer, H.A.Sanitary Board, Bangalore in favour of Mr.B.Jeremaiah is lost/misplaced by our client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged by our client on 16/02/2026 online FIR Lost Report No. 2064880/2026.**
Our client is availing loan from AU SMALL FINANCE bank any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned and also if any person has/have claim on the said property, may lodge such claim with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she/they shall be doing so at his/her/their own costs & risks and also if no such claim(s) or objections received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue certificate of clearance that, there is no objections or claim(s) on the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.332A, New No.332/A, situated at Nellorepuram Village, K.R.Puram, Bangalore East Taluk, comes under Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bangalore, E-PID No.2180333119, measuring East to West: 14 Feet and North to South : 25 Feet, in all Measuring 350 square feet along with AC sheet roofed house thereon and bounded on :- **East by :** Road, **West by :** Property No.332, **North by :** Property No.333, **South by :** Road.

Ravi M B, Advocate
66, 10th Main, 5th Cross, S.K. Layout, Jnanajyothinagar, Bangalore-560056.
Mob. No. 9036074066

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOST PROPERTY DOCUMENTS

My clients are the joint owners of the below mentioned property hereby notify that the 3 property documents in original pertaining to their residential property bearing No. 463, 6th main, 5th Block, 1st Stage, HBR Layout, Bengaluru-560043.
1. BDA Khata Patra
2. BDA Allotment letter
3. Possession Certificate
Hence been lost/irretrievably misplaced from possession of my clients.
Any person/s in possession of the said documents or having any information regarding the same are requested to contact the undersigned signed within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which duplicate copies will be applied from the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA), for our documentation purpose.
Date: 16.02.2026
Place: Belagavi
Sd/- (S.S.Patil) Advocate, Belagavi
Lawyer Chamber No.27 Court Complex, Belagavi Mob: 9844598211
Dr. Karanji Rudrappa & Mr. Majunath Karanji Co-Owners R/o: H.No. 154, Kuvempu Nagar, BUDA Scheme No.40, near Ganapati Temple, Belagavi -590001
Mob: 9164012011

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - TENDER NOTICE

O/o the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Nedumkandam, Idukki.
E-Tender ID No.2026_KSEB_835235
PAC: Rs.1,31,46,489.843/-; Last Date: 24.02.2026, 03.00 pm
O/o the Chief Engineer (S.C.M) & C.S.C,
Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram.
E-Tender ID No.2026_KSEB_835758_1
PAC: Rs. 35.772 Crores; Last Date: 12.03.2026, 03.00 pm
Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in
Ref : PR/MC1/E602 - E-tender/2026

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED
CIN:- U40102RJ2000SGCO16484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)
O/o CE(fuel), 6th Floor, LIC Jeevandeep Building, Lalkothi, Jaipur
E-TENDER NOTICE: TN-17(RVU2526GLOB02299)
E-Tenders are invited by RVUN for Sale of Dry Fly Ash generated from Suratgarh Supercritical Thermal Power Station (SSCTPS), Suratgarh Unit-7&8 on long term basis. Tender details are available on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in (for e-tender), www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.
Raj.Samwad/C/25/19864 RVUN/PR-4349 **Superintending Engineer (Fuel)**

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

SRM e-Tender No. T-2616/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001502)
MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.
"Establishment of 220/33 kV Murmi (Dahegaon Bangala) Substation along with construction of LILO on existing 220kV Waluj Chitegaon SC line at 220kV Murmi Substation (RL-12.99km), Tal. Gangapur, Dist. Ch. Sambhajinagar under Ch. Sambhajinagar Zone, MSETCL, Maharashtra."
Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**
The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 13.02.2026.
Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

AMARAVATI DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (ADCL)
(CIN Number : U93000AP2015SGC105535), Email : ccdmc.amaravati@gmail.com
Block 4, APCRDA Project office, Rayapudi Post, Tulluru (M), Amaravati, Guntur (Dist.), A.P - 522237

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. 337/IPD/ADCL/2025-26, Dated: 13.02.2026
Name of Work: Package XXXVII: World Bank and Asian Development Bank funded Amaravati Capital City Development Program related "Construction of Flood Protection and Strengthening of Inspection of Right Bank of River Krishna E1 Road (Chainage 0+300 To Chainage 2+480) On Lump Sum Basis (% Contract) in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh".
Estimated Contract Value (ECV): Rs. 104.55 Crore

NIT No. 338/IPD/ADCL/2025-26, Dated: 13.02.2026
Name of Work: Package XXXVIII: World Bank and Asian Development Bank funded Amaravati Capital City Development Program related "Construction of Flood Protection and Strengthening of Inspection of Right Bank of River Krishna E1 Road (Chainage 2+480 To Chainage 4+990) On Lump Sum Basis (% Contract) in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh".
Estimated Contract Value (ECV): Rs. 101.74 Crore

NIT No. 339/IPD/ADCL/2025-26, Dated: 13.02.2026
Name of Work: Package XXXIX: Construction of Flood Protection and Strengthening of Inspection of Right Bank of River Krishna E1 Road (Chainage 4+990 To Chainage 7+200) On Lump Sum Basis (% Contract) in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
Estimated Contract Value (ECV): Rs. 102.31 Crore

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ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

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SICKBAY

The T20 WC started last week but a lot of teams' plans have been disrupted due to injuries. A few were ruled out, while others are continuing to battle their injuries and illness

INDIA

Abhishek Sharma

Played India's first game against USA but got sidelined for the next due to stomach infection. Was hospitalised in Delhi and there was a suspense over his participation in their match against Pakistan. However, he played on Sunday

Harshit Rana

Sustained right knee injury during a warm-up game and underwent successful surgery for a lateral meniscus tear. He might even miss the IPL. Mohammed Siraj replaced him in the squad.

ITALY

Wayne Madsen

The Italy captain dislocated his left shoulder in the first match against Scotland. He still is with the team and it remains to be seen whether he will play in the remaining group matches.

ZIMBABWE

Brendan Taylor

The 40-year-old wicketkeeper sustained a hamstring injury during the match against Oman. The ICC approved Ben Curran as his replacement.

AUSTRALIA

Mitchell Marsh

The Aussie captain picked up a groin injury ahead of their game against Ireland. He was back against Sri Lanka on Monday but Steve Smith is already in situ.

SRI LANKA

Matheesha Pathirana

The pacer limped off the field with a left calf strain after delivering just four balls vs Australia. He will undergo scans to assess the injury on Tuesday.

Wanindu Hasaranga

The all-rounder sustained a hamstring injury in his first match against Ireland. Dushan Hemantha was approved as his replacement.

IRELAND

Paul Stirling

The captain hurt his knee while completing a catch against Australia and aggravated it further while going for a quick single in the same match. Uncapped Sam Topping will replace him in the 15-man squad.

USA

Jasdeep Singh

Pacer suffered a right shoulder injury while attempting a catch during a warm-up match. Ehsan Adil replaced him in the squad.

NEW ZEALAND

Michael Bracewell

Off-spinning all-rounder re-injured his left calf while training. Cole McConchie has been named as a like-for-like replacement for Bracewell.

Local touch: Man of the hour Ishan's rise

Practice sessions with state team have helped him thrive at big stage

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

The return of Ishan Kishan is one of the most read inspiring stories in recent times. Enduring the worst moments in his career, Ishan was forced to go back to domestic cricket to stitch his life piece by piece. Back then, practice and matches kept him in good stead. As times passed, he discarded his maverick lifestyle and concentrated on his cricket. There is maturity in his innings and the new phase is just blossoming.

It was evident on Sunday again. On a R Premadasa wicket in Colombo where run scoring was not easy, India opener played one of the best knocks of his career so far, scoring a 40-ball 77. That proved to be the difference between the two sides as India humbled Pakistan by 61 runs to sail into the Super Eights of the T20 World Cup.

Ahead of that match, the 27-year-old from Jharkhand hammered a 24-ball 61 against Namibia in Delhi apart from a half-century against South Africa in a warm-up match. Not to forget his one century and a half-century against New Zealand in the T20I series preceding the marquee event that brought him into the playing XI. And that has been Kishan's template in the last few months — pile on runs — no matter what the format is.

The comeback started with the domestic season. He scored a hundred in the Ranji Trophy against Tamil Nadu and then took it to another level during the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy top-scoring with 517 runs that included two centuries and as many half-centuries helping Jharkhand lift their maiden T20 title. A few days later, he slammed 125 in Jharkhand's first match against Karnataka in the Vijay Hazare Trophy to celebrate his India call-up in style.

That rampaging run in the domestic circuit is keeping Kishan in good stead in India colours, said Jharkhand head coach Ratan Kumar. "That SMAT title was the game changer. No doubt he played a crucial part in the campaign but as the tournament progressed, he started trusting his teammates and that long run gave him enough matches and opportunities," Ratan told this daily. The former domestic player who played 22 first-class matches said Kishan's innings against Pakistan was played on one of the toughest wickets. "When nobody was able to score at the strike rate of 120, he was scoring beyond 190. It showed how well prepared he was."

Ratan said Ishan was determined to play as many matches as possible ahead of the domestic season. "He was undergoing rehabilitation at the CoE in Bengaluru when I went there as the coach of East Zone for the Duleep Trophy. I met him there as he was announced captain of the team. He was having an ankle injury and he told me that he will join the team once he gets fit. We went to Kalyani, West Bengal from there and played three practice matches of 3-day each. He was part of two matches."

Ishan injured his ankle during his stint with Nottinghamshire in England when he fell off an e-bike. Once he joined the team, the wicketkeeper-batter came up with a plan almost every day. "He would request additional sessions and then we used to arrange them. Those were not long sessions but around 30 to 40 minutes sessions. Some day, he would play sidearmers while on some day he would take part in the six-hitting drills. We used to add on a few things which were missing to his plans," said Ratan.

Kishan was not even in the scheme of things for the T20 World Cup but the bucketful of runs he scored forced selectors to include him in the 15-member squad for the tournament. It was termed a brave call then but Ishan reposed the faith shown in him by the selectors with his useful contributions so far. Ratan admitted that Ishan was additionally motivated to reclaim that lost spot. "Bad times teach you a lot. He was highly motivated to get into the national team. Usually, the Jharkhand team is not considered strong but this time we were better prepared. As the season progressed, Ishan's motivation only increased with the team playing good cricket."

Kishan opened in T20 format while came at No 4 of 5 in the one-day format for his state team. That was part of the plan as per the coach. "He always opens in the T20 format so was made the opener given his impact. In the 50-over format there is no vacant spot in the top-three as far as the India team is concerned. So he batted at No 4 or 5 in the matches he played."

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HAPPY RUN

Ishan garnered 517 runs in 10 innings during the SMAT and that had given him a big lift. He scored two centuries including one in the final as Jharkhand lifted their maiden T20 title. Besides, the keeper-batter also hammered centuries in the limited matches he played during the Ranji Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy for the state team. He carried on the momentum playing for India slamming a ton and a fifty against New Zealand in the bilateral series before hitting two half-tons in the T20 World Cup

Ishan Kishan | PTI

Nissanka-rnival for Lanka, Oz on ropes

ENS @ Chennai

AND just like that, Australia are on the brink of elimination. After going down to Zimbabwe a few days earlier, the 2021 World Cup champions needed a positive result against Sri Lanka in Kandy.

SL VS AUS

Sri Lanka, in turn, knew a win would guarantee them a place in the Super Eights stage of the competition. And they produced a win for the ages as they gunned down 182 in front of a raucous crowd who lived every ball of the run chase. The man primarily responsible for the thrilling, fever dream of a night was Pathum Nissanka, the next in a long line of batting royalty from the island. He had long been identified as the man who would carry forward a legacy bequeathed to him by the likes of Mahela Jayawardene, Aravinda de Silva, Kumar Sanagakkara and Sanath Jayasuriya, the coach whose smile grew wider every passing minute of his team's run-chase. It was at its widest when they got over the line to advance to the next phase of the tournament where

they will retain home advantage.

What made it all the more special was that the hosts were reduced to 10 very early in the piece as Matheesha Pathirana did some damage to his hamstring in his first over, the third over of the first innings. In his follow up, is hand immediately went down to feel his left hamstring. A few minutes later, he was helped off by the field by his colleagues. They had already suffered an injury blow in the form of Wanindu Hasaranga, who had pulled up in the last game.

But they have oodles of belief and they will be a handful in conditions like these.

BRIEF SCORES: Australia 181 in 20 ovs (Head 56, Marsh 54; Hemantha 3/37) **lost to** SL 184/2 in 18 ovs (Nissanka 100 n.o, K Mendis 51).

Obscurity to WC stage: Heyliger's tale

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

GUYANA-born Canada pacer Dilon Heyliger's tale is one that can be quite inspiring. While he may not have the magnetic effect of the big names in the sport, but he is already a hero to the young children in his village in the Essequibo region. From his humble beginnings in Suddie, where he could not afford equipment, he has given back to the place he grew up by offering cricket kits to talented children in the region. West of Essequibo river where he grew up was a subject of political tension due to neighbouring country Venezuela's interference.

Born to a restaurateur and an electrician, Heyliger clang on to cricket from Day One. "There was a cricket ground which was obliquely across from my house. So we just grew up just across the cricket ground. You're always there in the mornings and evenings. That's where I played all my cricket there," he told this daily on Monday. Heyliger felt that sport, especially cricket, provided a "small escape" from daily rigours of life.

"Cricket is a gateway to get out of the region and maybe move to Georgetown or maybe to Trinidad. You always find kids that are talented, but they don't get the opportunity to go to the bigger stage," he said. That is one of the reasons that Heyliger is doing his bit to help the sport grow in the region. After the 2024 T20 World Cup, the pacer went back to his village to provide cricket kits to children in need of them.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Afghanistan post win, Proteas advance

NEW DELHI: South Africa qualified for the Super Eights on Monday without playing as Afghanistan's five-wicket win over the United Arab Emirates was enough to send them through from Group D. **BRIEF SCORES:** UAE 160/9 in 20 ovs (Sohaib 68, Sharafu 40; Omarzai 4/15) **lost to** Afghanistan 162/5 in 19.2 ovs (Zadran 53, Omarzai 40).

Eng survive scare to reach Super Eights

KOLKATA: In what was a pulsating tie in Kolkata, England survived a scare against Italy to qualify for the Super Eights. **BRIEF SCORES:** England 202/7 in 20 ovs (Jacks 53, Banton 30; Kalugamage 2/41) **bt** Italy 178 in 20 ovs (Ben Manenti 60, Stewart 43, J Mosca 43; Overton 3/18, Curran 3/22).

Kiwis eye knockout spot

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

MITCHELL Santner and Co will be keen to seal the second Super 8 spot, when they face Canada in a Group D fixture of the T20 World Cup at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday.

South Africa, the other team in the Group D, have already qualified for the next phase, having won three games.

This will be New Zealand's first meeting against Canada. Pace spearhead Lockie Ferguson has returned home for the birth of his child and is expected to rejoin the squad for the Super 8s. In Ferguson's absence, Kyle Jamieson could get the nod in the playing XI. As for Canada, they had their moments against South Africa and UAE but they have failed to convert them to wins. On Friday in Delhi, they had UAE on the mat at 66 for 4 in a chase of 151, but they allowed Aryansh Sharma and Sohaib Khan to do the rescue act. New Zealand were left exposed in all departments in their seven-wicket loss to South Africa in Ahmedabad. However, Kiwi all-rounder Glenn Phillips played down the defeat and insisted that there was nothing alarming. "If we didn't bowl as well as we did on previous days, we look at that and (try) to do better the next day. It's professional cricket at the end of the day. Sometimes you're good, and sometimes you're not. You just hope the gap between the two is a little less each day," Phillips said in the pre-match press conference on Monday.

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ZIMBABWE SEEK KO BERTH

ON THE BACK OF BEATING 2021 T20 WORLD CUP WINNERS AUSTRALIA, ZIMBABWE HAVE A CHANCE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR GRIP ON A SUPER 8 SPOT, WHEN THEY FACE IRELAND.

Muzarabani key

Pacer Blessing Muzarabani has been a standout performer for his nation. While his seven wickets in two wickets is good, it is in the manner he has picked them. He keeps it tight, something reflected in his economy rate of 4.12. After keeping it tight against Australia, he is expected to repeat that against Ireland.

Ireland seek upset

Ireland would be buoyed by their big win vs Oman. However, Zimbabwe are riding high on confidence, which leaves little to no margin for error. Lorcan Tucker, who hit 94 in the last tie, will be reproduce the magic.

Zimbabwe vs Ireland @ Pallekele | 3PM

Other matches

New Zealand vs Canada @ Chennai | 11AM

Scotland vs Nepal @ Mumbai | 7PM

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR

Padikkal cracks double century

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

HAVING scored an unbeaten 148 on Day 1, Karnataka captain Devdutt Padikkal went on to score a double century (232 off 330 balls) on the second day to put his team in firm control of the semifinal clash against Uttarakhand at Lucknow.

Ravichandran Smaran also scored 121 off 191 as Karnataka were placed at 689/6. Karun Nair, Kruthik Krishna also made valuable contributions.

J & K trail by 130 runs

Abdul Samad (58) and captain Paras Dogra (82) scored vital half-centuries to give Jammu & Kashmir a fighting chance against Bengal, who finished with a score of 328, on Day 2 at Kalyani. **BRIEF SCORES:** Karnataka 689/6 in 180 ovs (Padikkal 232, Rahul 141, Ravichandran 121; Rawat 3/132) vs Uttarakhand. Bengal 328 in 97.1 ovs (Sudip 146, Abhimanyu 49, Shahbaz Ahmed 42; Nabi 5/87) vs J & K.

Vinesh's name discussed, but yet to get TOPS nod

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

VINESH Phogat, the multiple World Championships medallist who created one of the biggest upsets at the Paris Olympics in 2024, announced her return from retirement in December and since has been working towards getting into match fitness. It is understood that the star wrestler, who delivered a baby last year, was targeting the Asian Games as well, but with just over six months it seems she might be running out of time.

Despite odds, she is training to get back into the mat with purpose. She has kept everything a secret as of now. As usual it's Olympic Gold Quest that is taking care of all her training chores because there is hardly any support from other quarters.

It is understood that Vinesh had approached the Target Olympic Podium Scheme for inclusion and her request was discussed during the last Mission Olympic Cell meeting. Members attending the meeting said the discussion revolved around her eligibility. Apparently, her name was not considered because there was no pathway for qualification for the Asian Games either. On top of that the Wrestling Federation of India has also set its selection criteria and one such point is participating at the nationals, which she has not. It needs to be seen how long it will take for her to get back into TOPS. Her foreign coach Woller Akos when contacted by this newspaper in December had said he would be happy to help her if she sought his assistance.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

East Bengal outplay NEUFC

KOLKATA: A double strike within six minutes in the second half by Youssef Ezzejari and an injury-time goal by Miguel Ferreira guided East Bengal FC to a 3-0 win against NorthEast United FC in the ISL here. Oscar Bruzon started Jeakson Singh alongside Anwar Ali in defence, with Lalchungnunga shifted to the right-back position and Jay Gupta starting on the left flank.

Skiier Arif finishes 39th

BORMIO: India's top alpine skiier Arif Mohammad Khan finished 39th in the men's slalom event after two combined runs in the Milan Cortina Winter Olympic Games here. Khan clocked a combined time of 2 minute 41.60 seconds to take the last spot among those who completed both the two runs at the Stelvio Ski Centre, to log India's best-ever finish in men's slalom event at the Games.

Karan goes down to Michalski

NEW DELHI: India's Karan Singh went down in a three-set battle — (6-4, 6-7 (5), 3-6 — to seventh seed Daniel Michalski of Poland in the first-round main draw of the 2026 Delhi Open here. The ATP Challenger 75 event, now in its sixth edition, is being held at the DLTA Complex from February 16 to 22, with 32 men singles players and 16 doubles teams competing for the title.

CL: TOUGH TEST FOR MBAPPE & CO

After a small break, the Champions League returns with the knockout stages. Fifteen-time champions Real have an awkward away leg to open proceedings while there's also an all French tie. A look...

Benfica vs Real Madrid

It's crunch time for Real, who suffered a damaging 2-4 defeat against Benfica in the final match of the group stages. Kylian Mbappe, who has 13 goals in CL so far, will once again be the one to keep a close eye on. Vinicius Junior will also be looking to step up at Estadio da Luz.

Monaco vs PSG

In an all-French affair, PSG, the defending champs, will be hoping to come out on top. However, PSG are entering the tie on the back of a defeat against Rennes. Ousmane Dembele will be the key man up top and Luis Enrique's men will be hoping to retrace last term's run and go all the way.

Other matches (1:30 AM unless specified)

Galatasaray vs Juventus (11:15 PM);
Dortmund vs Atalanta (1:30 AM; IST Wednesday).

LIVE ON SONY PICTURES NETWORK

Thalassemia remains a global health challenge, affecting over 13 million individuals worldwide, with nearly 1.2 lakh new cases reported annually. It spans all age groups and is present in 204 countries, though prevalence varies by region. Hemoglobinopathies, including thalassemia, are responsible for 3.4% of global deaths in children under five

An Inherited Disorder

Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder, which means it is passed from parent to child through genes. People with thalassemia are not able to make enough of a protein called hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is an important part of red blood cells that helps them carry oxygen to other parts of the body

1. The mutations are in the gene that makes the alpha part of the hemoglobin protein
2. The number of mutated genes you inherit affects the severity of your symptoms
3. If you inherit the gene from only one parent, you are a "silent carrier," meaning you have no signs of illness but can pass the gene to a child
4. If you inherit two mutated genes, you have alpha thalassemia trait and may have either mild anaemia or no symptoms
5. If you inherit three or more genes from both parents, you may have hemoglobin H disease, a type of thalassemia that causes moderate to serious symptoms

BETA THALASSEMIA

1. It occurs when one or both of the genes needed for beta-globin protein are mutated
2. If you inherit one altered gene you have beta thalassemia minor, which causes mild symptoms
3. With two, you will have either beta thalassemia intermedia with moderate symptoms or beta thalassemia major with more serious ones

SYMPTOMS

THE SYMPTOMS OF THALASSEMIA ARE CAUSED BY ANAEMIA AND CAN INCLUDE

Fatigue | Dizziness and fainting | Shortness of breath | Fast heartbeat

Headaches | Leg cramps | Difficulty concentrating | Pale skin

MANAGING THALASSEMIA

Several studies estimate that about 3-4% of Indians carry traits of this serious inherited haemoglobin disorder

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT @ Bhubaneswar

FOR nearly a decade, Rohit spent his childhood in hospital wards instead of playgrounds. Diagnosed with beta thalassemia major at just six months of age, he needed blood transfusions before he could even walk. Every three to four weeks, his family had to arrange blood, travel long distances and bear mounting medical expenses.

Son of a private company employee from Solapur in Maharashtra, he suffered all through as weakness, stunted growth and frequent infections became part of his early memories. He had already undergone over 10 years of uninterrupted transfusion therapy by the time he was 12.

"When he came to us, his iron levels were extremely high and both the liver and spleen were significantly enlarged because of years of transfusions," said Dr Raghuram CP, senior consultant in paediatric haematology, oncology and bone marrow transplantation (BMT) at Aster RV Hospital, Bengaluru.

After months of careful preparation to reduce iron toxicity and stabilise his condition, the medical team planned a bone marrow transplant. The donor was his elder sister, who stepped forward just before her own marriage. "We first had to aggressively manage the iron overload with medications and injections before we went for the transplant. Now he is completely transfusion-free. He is going to school and doing well," said Dr Raghuram, who treated the child.

Rohit's story mirrors that of thousands of children across the country, where thalassemia remains one of the most serious inherited blood disorders. India is estimated to have over one lakh to 1.5 lakh patients living with thalassemia major, while nearly 42 million people are carriers of the thalassemia trait. Every year, around 15,000 children are born with thalassemia.

Early warning signs often missed

Thalassemia is a common inherited haemoglobin disorder caused by mutations in the alpha and beta globin genes, resulting in impaired haemoglobin synthesis and ineffective erythropoiesis. Symptoms typically appear between six months and two years of age in its severe form. Parents can notice persistent pallor, excessive tiredness, irritability and poor feeding.

As anaemia worsens, children can develop jaundice, dark urine and enlargement of the spleen and liver, leading to abdominal swelling. Delayed growth and puberty are also common in untreated or poorly managed cases. Although lifesaving, repeated transfusions can result in iron overload that damages the heart, liver and endocrine glands if not controlled. Individuals with thalassemia minor often show mild anaemia or no symptoms at all.

Several studies estimate that about 3-4% of Indians carry thalassemia traits. Without systematic screening, many couples, who may unknowingly pass the defective gene to the next generation, discover their carrier status only after the birth of an affected child. "When two carriers marry, there is a 25% chance in every pregnancy that the child will have thalassemia major, 25% minor and 50% carrier. In beta thalassemia major, the most severe form, children cannot produce adequate healthy haemoglobin, necessitating blood transfusion," said Dr PK Sasidharan, a senior haematologist from Kerala.

WHO identifies thalassemia as a major health issue, with over 40,000 births annually affected by beta thalassemia, about 25,500 of which are transfusion-dependent beta thalassemia (TDT). The burden is unevenly distributed in India, with higher carrier frequencies observed in certain communities and regions, where prevalence is to 8-10% or more. According to the ICMR 2022 Atlas of Haemoglobinopathies, India records 10,000-12,000 births with severe hemoglobinopathies annually, with beta thalassemia major forming a substantial proportion.

Diagnosis & treatment

Diagnosis begins with a complete blood count (CBC), which typically reveals low haemoglobin levels and small-sized red blood cells. The key differentiator is haemoglobin electrophoresis or high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), which identifies abnormal haemoglobin variants. Genetic testing can further confirm the specific mutation, especially in complex cases or during prenatal diagnosis. "The cornerstone of treatment is regular blood transfusion therapy, usually every three to four weeks, to maintain adequate haemoglobin levels and support normal growth. However, repeated transfusions lead to iron accumulation in vital organs. Iron chelation therapy, administered orally or through injections is therefore essential to remove excess iron and prevent complications," said Dr Raghuram.

In recent years, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) and gene therapy have emerged as promising frontiers. By correcting or compensating for the defective gene, gene therapy eliminates the need for lifelong transfusions.

"The only established curative treatment at present is HSCT, commonly known as bone marrow transplant (BMT). When performed with a matched sibling donor (MSD), success rates are high. Else, matched unrelated donor (MUD) stem cells can be obtained from stem cell registries available in some cities. Half matched stem cell transplant, known as haploidentical transplant, is another option for patients who do not have either a MSD or MUD," said Dr Priyanka Samal, professor of clinical haematology, haemato-oncology, BMT and Cellular Therapy at IMS & SUM Hospital, Bhubaneswar.

Protecting the next generation

Since breaking the cycle of thalassemia transmission requires a multi-pronged approach, public health experts advocate mandatory or universal screening in high-prevalence areas, integration of thalassemia testing into routine antenatal care and awareness campaigns in high risk regions to identify carriers early.

Given that thalassemia is inherited, prevention through screening remains the most effective strategy. "Premarital and pre-conception screening can identify carriers before marriage or pregnancy. At risk couples must go for an early screening during pregnancy by opting for prenatal diagnostic tests such as chorionic villus sampling or amniocentesis to determine whether the foetus is affected," said Dr Tuphan Kanti Dolai, head of Haematology department at NRS MCH, Kolkata.

HOW TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE THALASSEMIA

- Thalassemia is screened for at birth, which is when people with more severe forms are typically diagnosed. They are also more likely to exhibit symptoms early in life
- However, people with milder thalassemia often get diagnosed later, when they begin having symptoms of anaemia or when their doctor finds evidence of anaemia from blood tests

TREATMENT OPTIONS

Treatment for thalassemia depends on how serious the symptoms are. Someone with the trait or with only mild symptoms may not need treatment

TREATMENTS FOR MORE SERIOUS THALASSEMIA CAN INCLUDE

- Blood transfusions to provide your body with more red blood cells
- Iron chelation therapy to remove excess iron from your body
- Blood and bone marrow transplant or gene therapy to help your body make working red blood cells
- Folic acid to help red blood cells develop and also to treat anemia.

FIRST-EVER ORAL PILL TO TREAT ANAEMIA

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT @ Bhubaneswar

IN a defining breakthrough for the global fight against thalassaemia, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first-ever oral pill to treat anaemia in adults with the inherited blood disorder, offering fresh hope to lakhs of patients dependent on lifelong blood transfusions.

Developed by Agios Pharmaceuticals, AQVESME (mitapivat) is a first-of-its-kind oral pyruvate kinase (PK) activator designed to improve red blood cell energy balance, reduce hemolysis and decrease transfusion dependency. The approval has been granted on the basis of data from the global Phase 3 Energize and Energize-T trials, which evaluated its efficacy in both non-transfusion-dependent (NTDT) and transfusion-dependent (TDT) alpha and beta thalassaemia.

Mitapivat acts by activating the pyruvate kinase enzyme, which plays a crucial role in energy production within red blood cells. The drug improves cellular energy levels, stabilises red blood cells and reduces their premature destruction by enhancing PK activity.

Unlike conventional therapies that primarily address symptoms, mitapivat targets the underlying metabolic dysfunction within red blood cells. In clinical trials, it demonstrated a 40-50% efficacy rate in reducing transfusion requirements among adults with thalassemia.

Although it is yet to get the nod of Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) and available in the country, experts believe that the emergence of an effective oral therapy like Mitapivat, combined with existing affordable treatments such as thalidomide and luspatercept, could significantly ease the treatment burden for thousands of thalassaemia patients in India while paving the way for more accessible, patient-friendly care.

Beyond gene therapy

Indian College of Haematology (ICH) secretary Prof RK Jena described the FDA approval as a potential game-changer in long-term disease management.

Prof Jena, who was part of India's first-ever study on thalidomide as a potent haemoglobin inducer, believes mitapivat could complement existing affordable therapies for reducing transfusion dependence by increasing foetal haemoglobin production.

The Indian College of Haematology has recommended thalidomide at a dose of 2-4mg per kg of body weight for thalassemia patients. "Thalassemia management is rapidly evolving with newer drugs like luspatercept and mitapivat that help reduce transfusion needs. Luspatercept is available in the form of injection in India and mitapivat is expected anytime soon. But these are not replacements of BMT and gene therapy, which offer a potential cure. With multidisciplinary care and advancing therapies, patients can expect improved survival, quality of life, and future hope for definitive treatment," said Dr Mukul Aggarwal, associate professor of clinical haematology at AIIMS-Delhi.

Prevalence In India

- India has a high carrier burden, with 3-4% of its population (42 million) carrying beta thalassemia traits and over 12,000 babies born annually with severe forms.
- Certain Indian communities and regions (e.g. Sindhis, northeastern states, tribal populations) show carrier rates as high as 64% for some hemoglobinopathies.
- Five common mutations account for over 95% of severe beta thalassemia cases in India, while over 80 mutations have been reported nationwide, contributing to diagnostic complexity.

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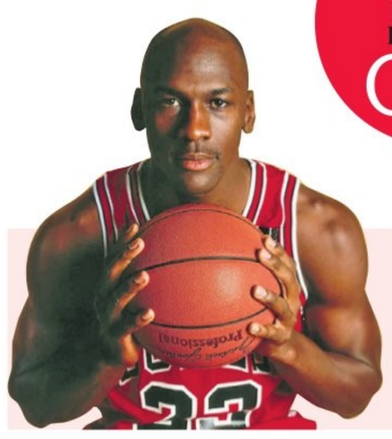

DAY'S DIARY

Happy Birthday!

Michael Jeffrey Jordan, considered to be the greatest basketball player of all time, was born on this day in 1963 in Brooklyn, New York

EARLY CAREER

Michael was named 'College Player of the Year' in his sophomore and junior years. He also led the US basketball team to Olympic gold medals in 1984 and in 1992

NBA CAREER

His unmatched athleticism and competitive drive revolutionised the sport while winning six NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls

ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2009, he was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Later in 2016, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom

Best of Bengaluru!
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In B'luru during their maiden interaction post receiving the Padma Shri, Carnatic sisters Ranjani-Gayatri say music was never presented as an ambition or a destination

ON A HIGH RaGa

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

IN the world of Carnatic music, the names Ranjani and Gayatri are often spoken in a single breath. Yet to understand the alchemy of their partnership, one must first look at the two distinct musical minds that forged it. Their musical identities was built on a dual pillar: a mother's disciplined training and a father's deep devotion to tradition. The environment allowed the RaGa sisters to develop their individual listening sensibilities and responses to music before they ever consciously came together. "Music was never presented as an ambition or a destination. Those individual impressions later became the foundation on which our shared musical identity was built," says Ranjani, during an interview with the powerhouse duo in Bengaluru.

Sharing the joy of being conferred with this year's Padma Shri, Gayatri stresses that they, as a team, realise that the award is as much about responsibility as recognition. "Travel has taught us that audiences listen deeply when the music is honest. The honour is a reminder to continue our work with care and gratitude," she says, as Ranjani adds, "The love and goodwill from family, friends and rasikas are overwhelming. Humble pranams to our gurus. We dedicate this honour to them and our families."

Looking back, the sisters admit there was no single 'aha' moment that defined their partnership. It was probably a gradual realisation through countless songs that their union allowed the music to unfold in ways neither could achieve alone. Looking ahead, they aim to keep their focus on sadhana (practice), with the duo now gearing up for their upcoming appearance at the Udupa Music Festival to be held at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval, between February 20 and 22.

Their individual strength makes collaborative performances resonant. To the audience, their synchronisation may feel like second nature, however, the sisters are quick to point out that instinctive harmony is half the story. "These conversations are honest and they help refine our musical choices," says Gayatri. Ranjani continues, "Once a decision is arrived at, however, we commit to it fully. On stage, this prior engagement allows us to flow intuitively, trusting that the music has already been shaped through dialogue and mutual respect."

Tradition sans dilution

As the Carnatic landscape shifts to include a younger, global audience, the duo remains an anchor of authenticity. Dismissing the idea that tradition must be watered down to remain relevant, Ranjani says, "Adaptation does not require dilution. Tradition is not static; it has always evolved through thoughtful engagement. What remains constant is the core, the values of sadhana and respect for lineage." When it comes to responsibly presenting music to the audience, Gayatri, too, echoes a similar idea: "New audiences may arrive through different platforms, but what they encounter must remain authentic. When the foundation is strong, the music speaks across generations and geographies."

Our community is often divided by debates over being too conservative or too experimental, but Ranjani and Gayatri choose to inhabit the nuance. They view the current discourse within the music world as an opportunity for empathy and listening. The former notes, "An art form as vast and layered as Carnatic music cannot be sustained by uniformity of thought. Polarisation arises when listening gives way to assertion." Gayatri on the other hand, stresses that as long as artistes remain steadfast in their primary duty – to practise and communicate their art with sincerity rather than activism – the ecosystem can continue to nurture mutual respect.

Ranjani and Gayatri

HAY THERE! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

With 'surplus' fish, 'longevity' noodles, dumplings and a sense of community to bring to the table, East Asian expats and Chinese descendants in Bengaluru are all set to welcome the Year of the Fire Horse, today as they celebrate Lunar New Year

ANJALI RAM AND SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

EVERY year, sometime between late January and mid-February, nearly a quarter of the world – across East Asian countries – pauses to celebrate the New Year, to mark the end of winter and the beginning of spring. Today, as fireworks light up skies across East Asia with red lanterns flooding streets and kitchens getting busier with reunion dinner preparations, miles away in Bengaluru, expats and Chinese descendants, too, are indulging in their share of celebrations, welcoming the Year of the Fire Horse.

Malaysian entrepreneur Jimmy Yeoh, who has lived in Bengaluru since 2012, recalls the memories of celebrations, back home in Penang where Lunar New Year is loud, crowded and fun. "It's open house and is constantly filled with food and conversation." For him, instead of dozens of relatives, the rhythm is softer now with a small group of close friends in the city. "Festivals become less about geography and more about the people around you," he shares.

For Wanming Li, executive chef and co-founder, Bao To Me, the New Year has become more meaningful over time, with celebrations becoming simpler and more family-centred. "Here, it's less about large communal gatherings – and maybe fewer 'Hung Bao' (red packets considered a blessing). (laughs). What I do miss is the scale – the crowds, lion dances, firecrackers and grand banquets that make the celebration feel larger than life," he says. Agrees Joonie Tan, team lead, Kopitiam Lah, who remembers how, back in Malaysia, Lunar New Year was structured, but in Bengaluru, her home of 15 years, the celebration is intentional. "Because family isn't physically here, every ritual becomes something you consciously recreate. It feels quieter emotionally, especially during reunion dinner," she explains.

Reminiscing about earlier celebrations in Bengaluru with large picnics at resorts, complete with lion dances, drums, games like bingo and raffles and shared meals, Li says, "Over time, though, these gatherings have faded, with families moving away, elders no longer around and younger generations less involved; there's now a quiet sense that if we don't make the effort, these traditions could slowly disappear."

For Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel executive chef Ho Chi Ming, the Lunar New Year carries a layer of nostalgia of Kolkata, where his ancestors first settled and where he grew up. "It is a moment leaving behind the past year and moving on with hope of a better and more fruitful year," he says. While based in Bengaluru, he looks forward to returning to Kolkata each year to celebrate with siblings and extended family. "The feast includes 8 to 12 dishes -- eight being a lucky number that symbolises wealth," he says, adding, "Each dish carries meaning – whole fish for surplus and prosperity, dumplings shaped like ancient silver ingots for wealth, whole chicken for unity and completeness and noodles for longevity," he explains.

A major challenge everyone faces in the city is sourcing ingredients. Yeoh stocks up whenever he travels home, whereas Tan notes that earlier it was difficult to find authentic supplies, but today Bengaluru's growing network of Asian stores has changed that. According to Tan, now, the curiosity of Bengalureans has grown showing a shift in cultural appreciation. "We are asked why we toss yee sang, what phrases mean and why certain foods symbolise luck," she says. For Ho, explaining the festival means inviting friends to experience it firsthand – through food, storytelling and memories of lion dances in Kolkata's Chinatown.

Li has seen a similar wave of curiosity among his friends, especially about the zodiac animals and the food. He adds that emotional core of family, food and renewal is universal, which helps him make people understand the traditions. "I explain it as a mix of Deepavali and New Year's. Living in India, where festivals are such an integral part of life, makes it easy to relate," he shares.

Joonie Tan tossing yee sang (prosperity toss)

A Chinese New Year celebration in Penang

Joss paper burning ritual that symbolises sending wealth to deceased loved ones

A whole fish dish that signifies surplus

PAINTING THE TOWN RED

Marking the first new moon of the Lunar Calender, the origins of the Lunar New Year festival are steeped in the legend of Nian, a beast believed to feast on human flesh on New Year's Day. Because Nian feared the colour red, loud noises and fire, red paper decorations were pasted to doors and lanterns were burnt all night to frighten the beast away. According to Chinese astrology, this is the year of the Fire Horse, which represents confidence, strength and intelligence.

PIC: SHANGRI-LA

Chinese lion dance mask

CITY READ

Food festival to be held from Feb 17 to March 17

Maize & Malt, Whitefield, is set to host an authentic Sri Lankan Food Festival curated by food critic and author Priya Bala from February 17 to March 17. Moving away from modern reinvention, the festival celebrates the rustic, soul-stirring flavours of Sri Lankan home kitchens, characterised by creamy coconut milk, earthy curry leaves and bold spices. The menu features street-style favourites like seeni sambol buns, banana flower cutlets and fiery devilled chicken, alongside the mains such as pandan-scented yellow rice and cheese kotthu. To finish, there are traditional desserts like the jaggery-infused watalappam and the iconic love cake. For more information, call 99726 81261.

Immersive pet-friendly experience comes to city

Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru, Thanisandra Main Road, in association with Animal Planet, is bringing an immersive pet-friendly experiential event dubbed 'Enter the Wild' to the city. The mall will be transformed with a wildlife-themed backdrop, where visitors can explore how animals survive and adapt in their natural habitats. Highlights of the event, to be held on February 21 and 22, include a camel survival station, the penguin waddle challenge, a 360-degree camera video zone and a special Date With Your Pet photo booth, where families and children can pose with their pets against themed backdrops.

XPRESS FOCUS

Yuvatarang 2K26 lights up IADC-A campus

Indian Academy Degree College - Autonomous hosted Yuvatarang 2K26, its annual intra-collegiate cultural fest, on February 13 and 14, turning the campus into a vibrant arena of creativity and performance.

Day one featured off-stage competitions including Rangoli, Mehendi, Best Out of Waste, Face Painting, Cooking Without Fire, Bottle Art, Photography, Short Film Making and Treasure Hunt, alongside gaming events like Call of Duty and BGMI. Day two came alive with on-stage performances - classical and freestyle dance, solo and group singing, rap, beatboxing and a dazzling fashion show. The fest concluded with an energetic DJ Night. Students from over 35 colleges participated, with around 130 show casing their talents.

LIVING WITHOUT EDGES
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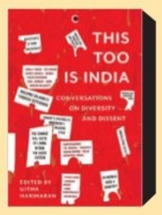
BOOK NOOK



This Too Is India: Conversations on Diversity and Dissent

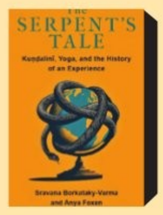
By Githa Hariharan

This book dives into Indian politics, history, culture, through conversations with novelists, activists, historians, actors, musicians, translators – the voices are diverse and the conversations thoughtful, incisive and wide-ranging.

Light & Shadows

By Meera Khanna

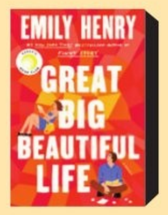
This book brings together decades of lived experience, activism and poetic reflection, offering readers a deeply personal yet universally resonant exploration of resilience, identity and renewal.



The Serpent's Tale

By Anya Foxen and Sravana Borkataky-Varma

The Serpent's Tale traces the intricate global histories of Kundalinī, from its Sanskrit origins to its popularity in the West.



Great Big Beautiful Life

By Emily Henry

Two writers compete for the chance to tell the larger-than-life story of a woman with more than a couple of plot twists up her sleeve in this dazzling and sweeping new novel from Emily Henry.

FOLK FLAIR

Artistes perform Yakshagana at an event held as part of the Hindu Samavesha in Vijayanagar | **SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA**

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

ANAGANAGA OKA RAJU (Telugu)

A quick-thinking man tries to shortcut his way to a better life and chase a promising match, but love and family force him to rethink his path.

Cast: Naveen Polishetty, Meenakshi Chaudhary, Pammi Sai

- **Watch on:** Netflix

KOHRRA (Hindi, series)

In the second part of the police procedural series, the story focuses on the murder of a woman found in her brother's barn. This leads Amarpal Garundi and Dhanwant Kaur, the two detectives, to investigate the case, which involves a suspected NRI husband.

Cast: Barun Sobti, Mona Singh, Rannvijay Singha

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

THE CONJURING: LAST RITES (English)

In 1986 paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren travel to Pennsylvania to vanquish a demon from a family's home.

Cast: Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga, Mia Tomlinson

- **Watch on:** JioHotstar

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BEST DUMBBELL EXERCISES FOR CORE STRENGTH: HERE'S A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

A strong core is essential for posture, balance, injury prevention and overall athletic performance. Dumbbells increase resistance, helping improve muscle engagement and accelerate strength development. Dumbbell-based core training also enhances stability because the body must work harder to control external weight.

KEY DUMBBELL EXERCISES FOR ABS

1. Plank Row (Renegade Row)

- Start in a plank position holding dumbbells.
- Row one dumbbell upward while stabilising the torso.
- Builds anti-rotational core strength and improves upper-body stability.

2. Russian Twist

- Sit slightly reclined with knees bent, holding a dumbbell.
- Rotate the torso side to side in a controlled manner.
- Targets obliques and improves rotational strength.

3. Dumbbell Side Bend

- Hold a dumbbell in one hand and bend sideways slowly.
- Strengthens lateral core muscles and enhances trunk stability.

4. Dumbbell Sit-Up or Crunch

- Hold a dumbbell at the chest while performing sit-ups or crunches.
- Increases abdominal resistance and strengthens the rectus abdominis.

5. Dumbbell Wood Chop

- Move the dumbbell diagonally across the body from low to high.
- Develops rotational power and full-core coordination.

TRAINING TIPS FOR BETTER RESULTS

- Begin with lighter weights to master technique before progressing.
- Maintain a neutral spine and controlled breathing throughout movements.
- Train core muscles 2-3 times weekly, allowing recovery between sessions.
- Combine resistance training with proper nutrition.

Dumbbell-based ab exercises provide a versatile and effective way to strengthen the entire core while improving balance, posture and functional strength.

By Dhruva Sivakumar, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

CHOCOLATE PUDDING

INGREDIENTS

- **Cocoa powder:** 1 1/2 tablespoon
- **Cornstarch:** 2 1/2 tablespoon
- **Milk:** 2 cups
- **Sugar:** 1/4 cup

METHOD

- In a bowl, add 1 cup of milk, then use a strainer to sift in the cocoa powder and cornstarch and whisk well.
- Next, in the pan, on medium-low flame heat the other cup of milk with sugar and add the cocoa powder mix.
- Stir it. Refrigerate for a minimum five hours and serve!

Contributed by **Sagnik Biswas,** Bengaluru

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Racing Riff

Enjoy the rush of high-speed racing at this go-karting event. The experience will be accompanied by lights and music, featuring high-speed straights and challenging sharp turns. Whether you are a racing pro or a thrill-seeking newbie, you can engage in friendly competition and track your progress with fastest-lap results, all backed by expert safety guidance.

WHEN: February 17, 9am onwards
WHERE: Raceway Gokarting, Kanakapura Main Road
CALL: 99025 99021

Words We Carry

Attend this session, which features verses by poet Ruby Naaz Hedge. Having originated from hundreds of spontaneous conversations and a vintage typewriter, these poems are said to function as a ritual of connection, holding space for tenderness and the 'mumbling joy' found in the words we often carry in silence.

WHEN: February 17, 7.30pm
WHERE: Urban Solace Cafe, Ulsoor
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Cine Nights

Join a screening of *The Bitter Tears of Petra Von Kant*, which is set within the intimate, enclosed world of a fashion designer's apartment. The film tracks a love that arrives with intoxicating intensity only to curdle into a chilling obsession. Following the screening, the floor opens for a group discussion, to deconstruct the film's themes.

WHEN: February 17, 7.30pm
WHERE: Underline Center, Indiranagar
DETAILS: underline.center

Cuisine of Thar

Savour a culinary selection centred on traditional Rajasthani preparation methods. The menu includes regional staples such as slow-cooked laal maas, dal baati churma and ker sangri. The event focuses on the historic flavours and heritage recipes of the Thar Desert. **WHEN:** February 17 onwards, 7pm
WHERE: The Oterra Hotel, Electronic City
CALL: 96208 00500

Heritage in Art

Admire the traditional beauty of Lippan Art through a contemporary lens at this hands-on workshop, which allows one to translate the textures of traditional Lippan Kaam into decorative modern pieces using moulding clay, vibrant acrylics and shimmering mirrors. The experience is designed to guide you through every geometric pattern and reflective detail.

WHEN: February 17, 11am onwards
WHERE: StoryZone, HSR Layout
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Festive Fun

Observe a historic glass factory's transformation into a large-scale landscape of light and sound. The festival features 15+ installations and a 360º dome, integrating industrial space with immersive technology. The lineup includes XI Luchen, Julius Horsthuis, Rahul Sharma and more.

WHEN: February 17, 3pm onwards
WHERE: Alembic City, Whitefield
DETAILS: district.in

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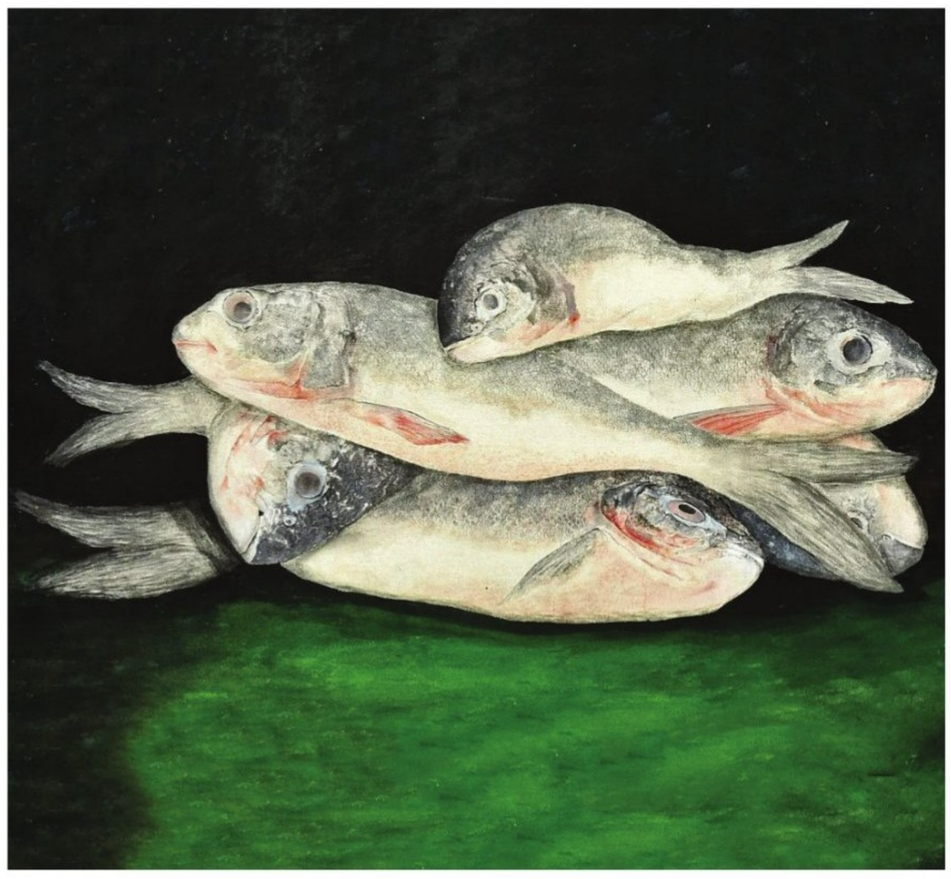


FISH PERFECT

Artist Krupali Kathiriya's work is drawn to capturing the lifeless forms of fish on fabric

Spaces

LIVING WITHOUT EDGES

Curves are no longer decorative details but design statements, transforming contemporary interiors into warmer, more fluid and deeply human spaces

RESHMI CHAKRAVORTY

WALK into a contemporary home today and something quietly transformative becomes immediately apparent. Sharp edges are softening, straight lines are dissolving into gentle arcs and spaces feel calmer, more fluid, more instinctive. From sculptural sofas and arched doorways to rounded kitchen islands and pebble-like decor, organic forms are redefining the way we experience interiors. Curves are having a moment and this time, it's far from a passing trend.

For decades, modern architecture and interior design were governed by straight lines and right angles. From Bauhaus ideals to the rise of minimalism, clean geometry symbolised order, efficiency and progress. Rectangular plans and sharp silhouettes dominated homes and workspaces alike. Today, however, a quieter, more sensorial shift is underway. "For years, design was about control and precision. Now it's about comfort and connection – about creating spaces that feel intuitive rather than imposing," says Bhumit Shah of 18 Studiioz.

At the heart of this evolution lies a renewed focus on human-centric design. Human bodies are not composed of straight lines – our movements are fluid, our postures curved and our sense of comfort rooted in softness. Rounded forms subconsciously feel safer and welcoming. Curved sectional sofas now seen in premium living rooms from Mumbai to Milan naturally orient people towards one another, creating a shared focal point. "Curves invite interaction. They remove hierarchy from a space and make people feel more at ease," Shah explains,

Nature, too, plays a defining role in this design language. Biophilic principles have become central to contemporary interiors and nature rarely works in straight lines. Waves, pebbles, dunes, and clouds inspire the free-flowing forms now appearing in luxury homes. Designers are introducing sculptural feature walls finished in lime plaster or microcement that curve seamlessly from wall to ceiling, while staircases take on fluid, shell-like spirals. "Organic shapes immediately trigger a subconscious connection to nature. That connection translates into a sense of calm and well-being for the user," says Yashasvi Mehta, founder of Yashasvi Mehta Architects.

This shift also signals a redefinition of luxury. Where once luxury was synonymous with sharp detailing, symmetry, and polished perfection, it is now defined by experience. Arched niches and alcoves have replaced flat, rectangular display units, creating warmth through depth and shadow play. In kitchens, rounded islands with bullnose edges are replacing boxy counters. "Today's luxury is emotional," Mehta notes, adding, "A curved kitchen island doesn't just look elegant, it allows smoother movement and feels safer, especially in family homes."

Advancements in materials and construction technologies have further enabled this fluid aesthetic. Curves, once expensive and difficult to execute, are now far more accessible. Gypsum ceilings can be moulded into wave-like forms with concealed lighting, while CNC-cut plywood and solid-surface materials allow furniture and partitions to wrap effortlessly around corners. "What was once limited to iconic architecture is now achievable in everyday interiors. Technology has given designers the freedom to be expressive," Shah says.

Curves also reshape the way people move through spaces. Corners interrupt movement; curves guide it. In compact urban homes, curved glass partitions subtly divide spaces without breaking visual continuity, while rounded corridors make circulation feel fluid and expansive. Bathrooms, too, are embracing the shift, with oval mirrors, curved vanities and arched walk-in showers transforming functional spaces into spa-like retreats. "Curved walls act as visual guides. They create a natural flow that's pleasing to the eye and the body," Mehta explains.

Even minimalism has softened in response. The clinical minimalism of the past is evolving into a more tactile expression. Curved fluted wall panels, organic-shaped rugs, pebble-like coffee tables, and elliptical dining tables retain simplicity while adding depth and sensuality. "It's not about excess. It's about warmth, softness, and sculptural expression – a move away from pointy modernism," says Mehta.

Ultimately, the rise of curves marks a deeper philosophical shift in design. Organic forms soften architectural rigidity, improve circulation, create moments of pause and visual intrigue, and reinforce a sense of comfort and well-being. "Curves are about emotion as much as function. They allow spaces to breathe, respond and connect with the people who inhabit them," Shah reflects.

As homes increasingly become sanctuaries rather than showcases, the embrace of organic forms feels both timely and timeless. In bending away from the straight line, contemporary interiors are discovering a gentler, more human way to live.

DESIGN STORY

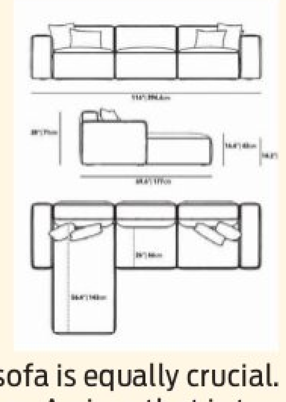
How to pick the right sofa

Choosing a right sofa may be daunting. Keep these things in mind before you make a decision

Neeta Jessani
A designer and lover of textures making functional spaces aesthetic

Sofas are anchors in most spaces, both emotionally and visually. It's here conversations unfold, quiet moments become memories, and you unwind with a cup of coffee. Choosing a sofa is not just about picking something that looks nice in a showroom, but something that suits your space and lifestyle. It is one of the most significant investments made financially and aesthetically. A decision that can singlehandedly change how the space is perceived. Apart from the colour and style, there are factors that need to be considered while choosing a sofa that would continue to serve your comfort for years.

MEASURE BEFORE YOU SAY YES



It is easy to love how a sofa looks online or in a store, but the first step starts on-site. Measure your space, decide where your sofa will sit, and then go shopping. Scale and proportion are often an afterthought to visual design, which often hinders the flow of the space. Selecting a sofa that not just fits in your space but also allows you enough room to walk around and access the other areas hassle-free is essential. Making sure a centre table and side tables, if required, as per your lifestyle, is accounted for before going ahead with the sofa is equally crucial. Consider the proportion of the sofa relative to the room. A piece that is too large can overwhelm the space and make it feel cramped, while one that is too small may look disconnected and underwhelming.

PRIORITISE FUNCTION

Sofas should feel as comfortable as they seem. Consider the usage of the sofa in your household before selecting one. Is your sofa only for entertainment nights or for longer periods of time and quick naps? In such a case, softer cushions with deeper seats are most ideal. On the other hand, if the sofa is only to entertain guests, a harder foam with an upright back would work better for good posture in a formal setting. The availability of space and lifestyle also play a role in this; larger families with bigger spaces can opt for sectional sofas, giving the room additional seating, while smaller families or apartments can go in for smaller sofas or loveseats that do not take up a lot of floor space.

FABRIC SELECTION

The upholstery you select has a significant impact on the appearance and longevity of the sofa. The right choice here completely depends on your lifestyle. Certain cotton blends and synthetic weaves are good for everyday use as they are stain-resistant and handle wear well, making them ideal for homes with children. Linen and cotton are softer and hence require more care. Leather ages beautifully and makes it the ideal option to add sophistication and character to a space while also being easy to clean.

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I, **JOHN ANTHONY S**, S/o. V.S Govindarajan, residing at No. 4K, No. 454K, Ground floor, 9th Cross, Kempegowda Layout, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bangalore-560077, have changed my name to **G VEERA RAGAVAN**, vide affidavit dated 14.02.2026, sworn before notary Sivakumara M.N, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHIVA PRASAD SETTY ELLUR,** aged about 45 years, S/o. Thimmaiah Setty, residing at No. C702, C Block, The Infinity Apartment, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061, Karnataka, do hereby declare that the names **SHIVA PRASAD SETTY ELLUR** and **SHIVA PRASAD ELLUR** both pertain to one and the same person that in myself, vide affidavit dated 14.02.2026, sworn to before S.N. Madhu, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

DECLARATION
I, **SHAHINA BANU** W/o Shaikh Mohammed Rahamathulla, Residing at # 42, 3rd Cross, 3rd Phase, Chamundeshwari Nagar, Laggere, Peenya Small Industries, Bangalore North-560058, i state that i am called as SHAHINA, i here by declare that **SHAHINA** and **SHAHINA BANU** belongs to one and the same person. vide affidavit dated 16.02.2026 sworn before Notary H.Sridhar Rao.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SEGIREDDY GANGA MOHAN REDDY Service No: 8037296Y Rank:-Hav residing at 1/1072, Yettapuvari Colony Jammalamadugu Cuddapah Andhra Pradesh 516434 and currently residing at Jai Jawan Nagar Banswadi M.S Ngar Post Bengaluru 560043, have changed my son's name from **S GOUTAM KUMAR REDDY to SEGIREDDY GOUTHAM KUMAR REDDY** vide Affidavit dated 16-02-2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary Uday Kumar .K at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HALIMUNISSA,** W/o. Late T.N. Amin Khan, residing at No. 160, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Saraipalya, Javeria High School, Near Usman-e-Ghani Masjid, Dr. Shivarama Karanthnagar, Bangalore-560077, have changed my name to **HALIMUNNISSA RASHEEDUNNISA**, vide affidavit dated: 13.02.2026 before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUBHA BOSE,** W/o Prashant R Goudar, Ila, T-001, Unique Feronia, M.V. Extension, Gangula Main Road, Near Kanaka Convention Centre, Hoskote Town and Taluk, Bangalore Rural District do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANUBHA PRASHANT GOUDAR** to **ANUBHA BOSE,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ANUBHA BOSE** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C.S. RAMAMURTHY RAO** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **Smt. Shwetha K.,** W/o Prashanth H.R., aged about 37 years, and **Sri Prashanth H.R.,** S/o Sri Ranganath H.N., aged about 41 years, residing at No. 231, 4th Main, 3rd Cross, 'H' Block, Ramakrishna Nagar, Mysore 570022, and presently residing at No.4299, 1st Floor, 24th Cross, 50th Main, 1st Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore - 560078, have changed our minor daughter's name from **"Purvi P.H."** to **"CHINMAYEE P.H.",** vide affidavit dated 11/2/2026 sworn to before B Hanumantharaya Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We **Sri. Prasad K S Aithal,** and **Smt. Divya,** R/at. No. 410, Prasad Nilaya, 100 Feet Road, Jalahalli Cross, Near Gangothri Steel, Chokkasandra, Bangalore - 560057, We hereby declare that our Minor daughters Name is changed from **HRUTHVIKA** to **HRUTHVIKA.P,** for all future purpose, vide Affidavit Dated 06.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary: V. Anjanappa, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIBHA SAMEER** , W/o. Sameera Jagannath, Age 34 years, Residing at No.487/4, Sameer Sadana. 11th Main, M C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-40, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KULKARNI VIBHA VIJAY TO VIBHA SAMEER** . vide affidavit dated 14/02/2026 sworn before advocate & Notary N. Sandhya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **Mr. Pathan Mazhar Khan Mahemud khan, Smt. FEEHA TABASSUM,** residing at No. 17, Flat No. DS-3, ZS Residency Opp. Govt. Collage, K.R Puram, Bengaluru-560036, do hereby declare we have changed our son's name from **PATHAN MUHAMMMAD MAZHAR KHAN** to **MUHAMMAD MAZHAR KHAN PATHAN,** vide affidavit dated 16.02.2026, sworn to before Sivakumara .M.N, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S M ANTONIAMMAL** D/o Mariadoss Antoniammal, residing at # KA Mariadoss No.1, Holy Cross Convent Davis Road St Thomas Town Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) S M ANTONIAMMAL to (NEW NAME) ANTONIAMMAL SAVARIMUTHU MARIADOSS** D/O Mariadoss, vide Affidavit Dated: 14.02.2026, sworn before Notary Prasad Shetty K.B, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUMASHRI, D.O.B: 02.04.1997, W/o. Naveen Chandra Kumar, Residing at Flat No. 302, 3rd Floor, Green is the Colour, Block 1, 5th Cross, 3rd Main BTM 2nd Stage, Dollar Planning Layout, Bengaluru -560076, Karnataka, have changed my name to **SUMASHRI NAVEEN** vide affidavit dated: 16.02.2026 before notary GANGARAJU .B.N, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ANITHA GUNTURU, Presently residing at No.182, Sai Munesha Residency, 5th Main, Nandakumar Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560011, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that my name is changed from **ANITHA GUNTURU to ANITHA GUNTUR** vide affidavit dated 13-02-2026 sworn before notary S N MADHU, Kathriguppa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VARSHA SINGH,** aged about 29 Years, D/o PrabhaSomayaji, Residing at #101, VRR Midtown, 8th Cross, 9thMain, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560008, have changed my name to **VARSHA SOMAYAJI**, vide affidavit dated:16.02.2026, before Notary **L Gopalakrishna,** Bengaluru,

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIYA MATHEW,** W/o Mathew Ovanalile Mathai, age 28 years, R/at No. 32, Mathai Building, Belmar Layout, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560 073 do hereby declare that I have changed my name **DIYA SAJI** (old name) to **DIYA MATHEW** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **DIYA MATHEW** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 2-2-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. HANUMANTHARAYA** at Bangalore.

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ANNOUNCEMENT
I, SHARANAGOUDA SADNAPUR residing at No.E-66, Shivpur, Gulbarga, Karnataka-585310 hereby declare that my son's BANGAGU VEERESH 10th Mark's Card wrongly entered my name SHARAN GOWDA SADNAPUR but my correct name is SHARANAGOUDA SADNAPUR in all records vide affidavit dated 16-02-2026 sworn before notary Onkarappa. N.R. Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YASEEN PASHA SAHAB,** S/o. Late. Basha Sahab and Residing at No. 31, 2nd Main, Near Idga Masjid, JHBCS Layout, JP Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **YASEEN PASHA SAB** to **YASEEN PASHA SAHAB** vide affidavit dated 16.02.2026 sworn to before V. Rajashekhara, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MITALI MADHUSMITA RAY, W/O Chetan Ramakant Amritkar, aged 41 years, Permanent Address: 4042, Prestige Boulevard, ECC Road, Whitefield, Bangalore, Karnataka-560066, hereby declare that **MITALI CHETAN AMRITKAR** and **MITALI MADHUSMITA RAY,** Both the names are belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as **MITALI MADHUSMITA RAY** vide affidavit dated: 16.02.2026 before Advocate and Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUSHILA G M (DOB:20-03-1968) D/o Parameshwar & W/o Ganapathi Mestha, R/o: No.2, Rajanna Somanna Building, Allalsandra, GKVK Post, Bangalore-560065, have changed my name from **SUSHILA G M to SUSHEELA PARAMESHWAR NAIK** vide Affidavit Dated: 14-02-2026, sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HEENA MOHAMMED ANEES,** C/o Mr. Mohammed Anees, age 38 years, R/at # 1807, 6th Main, 10th Cross, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560 043 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HEENA ARIF SHAIKH** to **HEENA MOHAMMED ANEES,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **HEENA MOHAMMED ANEES** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th Feb 2026, sworn before Notary **I. KANIKHA RAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Zareen Taj, R/at No. 26/1, Pipeline Acharya College Road, Beside Big Banyan Tree, Opposite Acharya Dental Clinic, Ganapathi Nagar, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090, In Government & private records my name is wrongly mentioned as Jareena Taj, my correct name as per birth certificate is **ZAREEN TAJ** also in records my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01.01.1970 instead of **27/07/1959** (as per birth certificate). Both the names Jareena Taj & Zareen Taj refer to one and the same person, namely myself. Vide affidavit dated 11.02.2026, Sworn before Advocate & Notary H S Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GIRIJA HARSHA ARASIKERE SETTRU,** D/o. Kotresi Bilchod Arasikere Settru, residing at #52, Kalpavruksha Nilaya, Vishwanath Green City Layout, Behind Seegehalli Government Hospital, Bhattarahalli, Seegehalli Road, Medihalli, Bengaluru 560049 have changed my name to **GIRIJA ARASIKERE SETTRU,** vide Affidavit Dated: 16/02/2026 sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru

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AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHIVA PRASAD ELLUR,** aged about 45 years, S/o. Thimmaiah Setty, residing at No. C702, C Block, The Infinity Apartment, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061, Karnataka, do hereby declare that the names **SHREYAS S ELLUR** and **SHREYES S ELLUR** both pertain to one and the same person that is my son, vide affidavit dated 14.02.2026, sworn to before S.N. Madhu, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Shivanankari** S/o. Doddamarigowda, Aged about 47 years, Residing at Kunuru Village, Kasaba Hobali, Kanakapura Taluk, Bangalore South District - 562117 today at Bangalore, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **Shivaranjan** to **Dhanushgowda.K.S** vide affidavit dated 17.01.2026 sworn to before Anitha Bai, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, K S SATHISH KUMAR residing at # No. 128 KOLATUR POST, HOSKOTE TALUK BANGALORE RURAL KARNATAKA 562114 have changed my name from **KOLATUR SHAMANNA SATHEESH KUMAR to K S SATHISH KUMAR** vide Affidavit dated 16-02-2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary Devaraja .E at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJESH SHARMA SHANTHILAL,** S/o. Shantilal Sharma, aged 46 years, residing at No.47, Flat No.301, Car Street, Someshwara Temple, Halasuru, Bengaluru- 560 008, have changed my name to **RAJESH SHARMA,** vide affidavit dated: 13.02.2026 before Notary **K. VENKATESHAN,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,P. SRINIVASA, S/o Pedda Krishnappa M born on 15-6-1976, Residing at C-3, 93/1, Saraswathamma Residency, 14 th D Cross, Nagavarapalya, Bengaluru-93. Henceforth be known as SRINIVAS P, before the notary GANGARAJU B. N dt 30 -12-2025

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KUSUMITHA Daughter of Vijaya Kumar.H, aged about 19 years, (D.O.B: 06.05.2003) presently residing at No.336, Gandhadhagudi Road, Maheshwarinagar, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 057, have changed my name from **KUSUMITHA.V** to **KUSUMITHA,** vide affidavit dated 16/2/2026 sworn to before K Ramegowda Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **THIRUMALESH,** S/o. Rajagopalachari N, residing at #818, 1st Cross, Swarna Nagar, Robertsonpet, KGF, Bangarapet Taluk, Kolar District 563122, Karnataka State, today camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **THIRUMALESH RAJAGOPALACHARI,** vide Affidavit Dated: 16/02/2026 sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

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A still from the film

VIJAY RAGHAVENDRA'S KHAKI CHRONICLES

From films to web series, Vijay explores the thrill of playing a police officer, and he does so with his next film, *Second Case of Seetharam* and web series *Rakshasa*, both releasing on the same day

A SHARADHAA

VERY few actors enjoy playing cop roles the way Vijay Raghavendra does. Time and again, he is seen wearing the khaki with ease. "Probably in some other birth, I would have been a cop," says Vijay as he gets ready to see himself in a cop avatar in his upcoming film, *Second Case of Seetharam*, releasing on February 20. Interestingly, his OTT debut, *Rakshasa*, which also releases on the same day, sees him yet again as a police officer.

"I have always had this kind of coincidence in my career. People find me very calm and composed. Amidst all that, what keeps me going is the excitement of work and the kindness people have shown to my craft," he says.

Ask Vijay what draws filmmakers to repeatedly cast him as a cop, and he is thoughtful, "When police officers are shown in regular mass masala, apart from very few heroes, not many have done much justice. Usually, police officers bring in a violent silence. I want to bring that on screen with all respect."

Produced by Sathwik Hebbar, *Second Case of Seetharam* is the second instalment of Seetharam Benoy Case No.18, directed by Devi Prasad Shetty. Vijay says he wanted to reunite as a team and take forward the success they achieved earlier. However, he clarifies that the new film can be watched as a standalone. "Seetharam, as an officer, comes from the 1st part, but the cases aren't related," he explains. The film has music by Navaneeth Sham and cinematography by Hemanth Acharya.

Playing a cop, Vijay says, has helped him understand crime better. "I just take it as a film. It becomes difficult if we take it too deeply. The filmmaker takes cinematic liberties. There has been a lot of improvisation with the second instalment in the placement of the story and the technicalities involved. Otherwise, there is no point in coming back."

"OTT IS A SPACE I WANTED TO ENTER"

On the other hand, *Rakshasa* marks Vijay Raghavendra's web series debut. He is equally excited about this new step. Interestingly, Chowka director Tharun Kishore Sudhir, with whom he had worked earlier, is producing the series under his Tharun Kishore Kreativezz banner. "One fine day, Tharun saw me at a wedding and mentioned, 'Raganna, you are doing this web series.' When I heard the story, I got excited. Tharun is a good director and producer, and he is making a debut in this space along with me," Vijay shares.

"Web series is a first for me. Otherwise, I have had space in OTT when it comes to my films, and a few of my films have done well. Web series is something I wanted to do, as I find it really important to reach the digital audience," he says.

Personally, Vijay feels acting and scripting remain the same, but the end platform is different. Cinema creates an impression on the big screen and later comes to OTT. A web series, however, gets its first click on digital. Even promotion-wise, he believes it is a strong platform. Set along the Malaprabha River in North Karnataka, the seven-episode series follows Sub-Inspector Hanumappa, played by Vijay, as he investigates mysterious crocodile attacks near the Yellamma temple. What appears accidental soon turns sinister, with folklore and fear clouding the truth. Also starring Mayuri, Avinash, Malavika, Appanna and Abhijith, the series blends investigation with psychological tension.

Comparing the investigative genre in cinema and digital, Vijay notes, "There is scope for detail. There is something called a cliffhanger. Every episode should end with curiosity to keep the audience hooked. That is the challenge." He adds that Rakshasa, set against a rustic backdrop, is a different kind of investigation and crime thriller. "I didn't study it, but I trained myself to speak the Hubballi slang, which was an exciting challenge."

Shine Sharsh Shetty turns producer with *Shankarabharana*

Sumanth Bhat, the director of Mithya, helms the film under the Ranggasthala banner

CE FEATURES

SHINE SHARSH SHETTY, who transitioned from television serials to the big screen and emerged as the winner of Bigg Boss Kannada, is taking a significant leap in his career. After being part of the acclaimed film Kantara and last seen as the lead hero in Just Married, Shine now steps into production while also headlining his next film, *Shankarabharana*.

The film is helmed by Sumanth Bhat, best known for Mithya and Ekam, bringing a strong narrative sensibility to the project. The team wrapped up the shoot and recently revealed the title *Shankarabharana*. While the name evokes nostalgia and recalls the iconic Telugu classic *Shankarabharana*m, this story follows a completely different route.

This film revolves around a bus driver and his bus named '*Shankarabharana*'. Set in coastal Karnataka, the narrative traces the hero's journey as he navigates unexpected roadblocks and emotional challenges after being assigned a new route to a remote village. It taps into the rich cultural and colloquial texture of the Udupi and Mangaluru region, blending local flavour with humour that is distinct to the coast.

The project marks Shine Sharsh Shetty's debut production venture under his banner Ranggasthala. He is joined by entrepreneur Divakar Shetty and Gururaj Kulkarni, whose industry experience strengthens the foundation of the film.

Currently in post production, *Shankarabharana* features music composed by Charan Raj, and cinematography by Udit Khurana, promising visuals that capture both the landscape and the emotional depth of the story.

With several surprises planned, the makers are set to reveal more details closer to the film's release.

A still from the film

Divakar Shetty, Sumanth Bhat and Shine Shetty

Thiagarajan Kumararaja-Vijay Sethupathi's film titled *Pocket Novel*

Raj B Shetty

CE FEATURES

THIAGARAJAN Kumararaja's third feature directorial, which stars Vijay Sethupathi in the lead, has been titled *Pocket Novel*. Raj B Shetty, Malavika Mohanan, and Kishore join the cast of the upcoming film. The makers also announced that filming for the project has begun. Raj B Shetty, who is known for his works in *Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana* (2021) and *Su From So* (2025), is making his Tamil debut with the film.

Veteran music composer Ilaiyaraaja is on board Pocket Novel, reuniting with Thiagarajan after *Modern Love: Chennai*, where the composer worked on the director's episode, Ninaivo Oru Paravai. Nirav Shah is joining the film as the cinematographer, continuing his collaboration with Thiagarajan after *Super Deluxe (2019) and Modern Love:* Chennai. The rest of the crew includes editor Sathyaraj Natarajan and stunt choreographer Dhilip Subbarayan. Andrew Louis has written the story and screenplay, with Yugabharathi writing lyrics for the film.

Thiagarajan is producing *Pocket Novel* along with SD Ezhilmathy under the Tyler Durden and Kino Fist banner.

The Rise of Ashoka secures major distribution partners ahead of release

Jana Nayagan makers, KVN Productions, are set to distribute the film in Karnataka; the makers are to have a grand trailer launch event on February 18

A still from the film

CE FEATURES

THE Rise of Ashoka, starring Sathish Ninasam, is scheduled for theatrical release on February 27 and has secured distribution rights with established companies across multiple regions. The film will be released in Kannada, Tamil and Telugu.

The project has generated steady attention following the release of its songs, and the team is expected to unveil the trailer shortly. Meanwhile, the film has drawn interest from distributors in all three languages, strengthening its release prospects.

In Karnataka, the film will be distributed by KVN Productions, the makers behind *Jana Nayagan* and *KD*. The Telugu version, covering Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, has been acquired by Kala Srushti International. In Tamil Nadu, a noted distribution house has agreed to release the Tamil version across the state after previewing the film. According to industry sources, the film is set for a wide release outside Karnataka.

Meanwhile, the makers are set to unveil the trailer on February 18 at a grand launch event, with several prominent names from the Kannada film industry expected to be in attendance, including V Ravichandran, Yogi, Vijay Kumar, Diganth, Krishna, Dhananjay and Vasishta N Simha, among others.

Set in the 1970s, *The Rise of Ashoka* narrates the story of a young revolutionary and explores themes of struggle and resistance. In addition to playing the lead role, Sathish Ninasam has contributed as a lyricist, singer and producer. Sapthami Gowda stars as the female lead.

The film is directed by Vinod V Dhondale and Manu Shedgar and produced under the banners of Vruddhi Creations and Satish Picture House by Sathish Ninasam, Vardhan Hari and Jaishnavi. The technical team includes music composer Purnachandra Tejaswi, writer Dayanand TK, and cinematographer Lavit. The supporting cast features B Suresh, Sampath Maitreya, Gopalakrishna Deshpande and Yash Shetty.

Catherine Laga'gia to star in *Crashout*

EVEN before her breakout feature debut in Disney's upcoming live-action film Moana, actor Catherine Laga'aia has signed to act in the Australian thriller film Crashout, which is currently in pre-production.

The 19-year-old actor has starred in the 2023 TV series The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart. Written and directed by Nick Annas, *Crashout* follows three high school graduates who are stranded on a highway after causing an inadvertent accident. In a desperate bid to hide their crime, they forged a found footage film. The film is expected to explore themes of self-preservation and narrative control through the lens of the youth.

Helen Tuck and Enzo Tedeschi from Deadhouse Films are producing *Crashout*.